Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions
Woman's Board of Home Missions
Records, 1866-1958
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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

In response to the urging of Sheldon Jackson and various prominent Presbyterian women, the 99th General Assembly (PCUSA) (1877) organized the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. The initial purpose of the Committee was to provide schools and teachers for the mission fields in the western and southwestern US. The Committee supported missionaries among the Mormons in Utah and among the Native American and Spanish-speaking peoples of the southwest. Eventually, this work was extended to Alaska, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Appalachians.

In addition to carrying out field work, the Woman's Committee published many pamphlets and leaflets, a missionary magazine entitled Home Mission Monthly, and an annual "Prayer Calendar," which eventually merged with the foreign missionary yearbook to become the Yearbook of Prayer. In 1897, the Committee's name was changed to Woman's Board of Home Missions.

In 1915 the Woman's Board incorporated; at this point it ceased to be a subsidiary of the Board of Home Missions. In 1923 the Woman's Board merged with seven other boards and agencies of the church to create one unified Board of National Missions, and its work was divided between two units of the new Board. Publications were taken over by the Unit of Education and Publicity, and work with the schools and hospitals in Alaska and the United States became the responsibility of the Unit of Educational and Medical Work.

Katharine Bennett, president of the Woman's Board at the time of the merger, became the first vice-president of the BNM. She also chaired the Woman's Committee of the BNM, which was comprised of the BNM's female members and was created to give the women continued jurisdiction over what had been their work for over fifty years. The Woman's Board continued to function as a holding corporation until the 1958 reunion of the PCUSA and the UPCNA.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection includes minutes, reports, correspondence, financial records and publications of the Woman's Executive Committee/Woman's Board of Home Missions, 1866-1924.

The collection is arranged as follows:

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NOTES TO RESEARCHERS

Record Groups 48, 51, and 105 were combined and reprocessed with material from the library to form this collection.

For conservation reasons, the volumes in RG 48 were disbound and the pages placed within acid-free folders.

As the official change from the Woman's Board to the Board of National Missions did not take effect until late in the year of 1923, there are a few items in this collection dated 1924 which relate to work which went on during the previous year. Although the Women's Board continued to exist after the reorganization, the body which oversaw the day-to-day mission work was the Woman's Committee of the BNM. Those records will be found in RG 305.1 Post-1923 records in this collection, such as the minutes in Series 2, are the records of the Woman's Board as a legal entity rather than a mission board.

A cardfile index to the 1888-1913 correspondence (Series 4, above) is available in the library. The index is chronological.

Related collections include:

RG 239	Sheldon Jackson Collection
RG 301.8	BNM, Unit of Schools and Hospitals/Dept of Educational and Medical Work Records
RG 305.1	BNM, Woman's Committee Records

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	8	Questions on Home Missions and Women's Work, 1882, n.d.
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	4	A Life Worth While: Mrs. A.R. McFarland
	5	A Native Missionary in Alaska, 1901
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	7	Rev. Sheldon Jackson, DD: Progressive Missionary, 1911
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	9	Sheldon Jackson: Pioneer in the New West, 1898, 1905
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		NATIVE AMERICANS
	12	David Brainerd--Life Sketch, 1902
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	14	Home Mission Schools Map Talk--The Present Day Indian, 1907
	15	How the Teacher Came for Tachnee, 1896
	16	A Missionary Heroine (Sue McBeth), 1896
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	42	Carmita Goes to School, 1909
	43	Finding the Truth in Porto Rico, 1909-10
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	8	How It Grew--Story of Woman's Organization, 1942
	9	How to Interest Children in Missions, 1912
	10	Manual for Executive Officers, 1916
	11	Missions Mapped and Budgeted, 1921-23
	12	Origin and Development of the WBHM, 1912
	13	The School Work of the Board of Home Missions
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	20	5 Points of a Star Missionary Society, 1910
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	22	Intelligent Advancement, 1905
	23	Our Greatest National Inheritance
	24	Presbyterian Pioneers--7 Denominational Lessons, 1908-09
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Dictated. New York, January 10, 1906.

Miss Jennie T. Ordway,

Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss Ordway:-

Your letter, expressing your appreciation and thanks for the privilege of being able to attend the evangelistic conference at San Juan, received, and we are so glad you could be given that pleasure.

Miss V. M. White, our former Assistant Secretary, sails for Porto Rico on Saturday, and will spend some time there as the guest of Dr. Grace Atkins Holmes of San Juan. Miss White is not only our former Assistant Secretary and as such is familiar with our work, but she is an active member of the Woman's Board. While in Porto Rico she will visit all the schools and the hospital, and we trust that when she comes to Mayaguez you will give her every opportunity to know about the need for the work and what is being done. She will be particularly interested in Mayaguez on account of the proposed new plant there, and any information you may give her will be of service to the school on her return here. Miss White is a cultured, Christian lady, broad minded, and thoroughly interested in every phase of Home Mission work. We are sure it will be a pleasure for you to meet her, and a delight for her to visit the work.

Praying God's richest blessing upon all of you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen F. Brooks,

Dictated.' New York, January 11, 1909.

Miss Madeline Pierce,

C/o. New York Tribune, City.

Dear Miss Pierce:-

Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a Sioux Indian, whose wife was Miss Elaine Goodale, is to give an address at the next meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, Tuesday, January 16th, at 10.30 A. M., in the Assembly room, on the seventh floor of the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dr. Eastman's father was a full-blood Sioux by the name of Many Lightnings - a remarkable man in many ways. His mother was a half-blood woman, celebrated for her beauty, the daughter of a well-known army officer. Beyond a doubt Dr. Eastman is, as Hamlin Garland says,"far and away the ablest living expositor of Sioux life and character." He has also visited and studied nearly every Indian tribe in the country. Thirty years of civilization have not dimmed his joy in the life of the wilderness, nor caused him to forget his love and sympathy for the primitive people and the animal friends who were the intimates of his boyhood.

Thnking you might like to notice this meeting on the Woman's Page of the New York Tribune, I am sending you the notice.

Cordially yours,

Edward A. Bond.

Dictated. New York, January 17, 1906.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

286 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. James:-

While it is probable you are familiar with the result of the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday, yet, that you may have the result in regular form, I will tell you about it.

A joint conference was held on Monday afternoon, at which the gentlemen took very strong position that we ought not to take public money; they said that the situation was very similar to that in taking Government money for the Indians. The whole matter was thoroughly threshed out, and we seemed to make no head way.

When your letter came on Tuesday morning, I immediately called the officers together and read it to them. By this time Miss Petrie and Mr. Craig and probably Mrs. Gildersleeve, were ready to vote with the officers at the other end of the hall that the resolution of June 15th be sustained. Miss Lincoln and I could not vote for it, so after talking the matter over here and being unable to reach any conclusion, and knowing how strongly you felt upon the subject, I again had a conference with Dr. Thompson. In this conference the main points that were emphasized were:-

First, the position taken on June 13th is right, and if the General Assembly were appealed to it would meet the approval of that body.

Second, that as the matter of Grassy Cove was under consideration it, as every other case, must be decided upon its own merits, every effort being made to conciliate the situation.

The whole subject of the erection of the buildings, to which the people on the field had contributed, with the expectation that a part of the year there would be a free school in these places, was also considered, and (whether we acknowledge it or not) and emphasis was placed upon the fact that in accepting the property from these people, when they deeded the ground and buildings to us, we had virtually entered into a contract with them. Again we talked it over and over and over, and as we talked it over, the fourth proposition was laid down that, if when 1908 comes there are schools where matters can not be adjusted with honor to the Board and safety to the work, the matter of change of date could then be considered.

This conference was not concluded until just before the time for the morning meeting. As you know, Dr. Eastman gave the address, and at the meeting of the Woman's Board the whole matter was again thoroughly discussed. I read your letter, placing all the emphasis I could upon it, still the tide seemed to be going against us, when Mrs. Thompson moved that using the fourth statement in our agreement as the basis, we pass that resolution. This was carried; it seemed to be the point upon which we could agree, and those of us who had so bitterly opposed "the iron clad" resolution of June

15th felt, that with the promise that the date be extended in the event matters could not be adjusted with honor to the Board and safety to the work, it was satisfactory; and we do believe something was gained in this way. I sincerely hope it may meet with your approval. It was the very best that could be done and for a time it looked as if we could not get even that.

Dr. Eastman's address was good, and for so bad a day the attendance was large. Of course, we missed you, as we always do when you are not here. The other matters brought before the Board were matters of routine and I can tell you about them when you come over.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Brady

Dictated. New York, January 16, 1906.

Editor of New York Observer,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find the "Call to Prayer," prepared by Mrs. James. We shall be greatly obliged if you can publish the same in an early issue of your paper.

Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Very truly yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, January 16, 1906.

Editor of The Presbyterian Banner,

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find the "Call to Prayer," prepared by Mrs. James. We shall be greatly obliged if you can publish the same in an early issue of your paper.

Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Very truly yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

For several years it has been customary for the Home Missionary Societies in the Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to unite in the observance of the fourth Thursday in February as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer for our country. This year the date will be February 22nd, and although a legal holiday in many States, yet it would be peculiarly appropriate to observe it in this way. However, if inconvenient, any day as near that date as possible would be appropriate. It is earnestly urged that each Home Missionary Society in the Presbyterian Church arrange for such a meeting, either by inviting the societies of the other denominations to meet with them in a day of prayer, each society being made responsible for a portion of the program, or by a single hour in which the women of our own church take part.

The program this year has been prepared by the ladies of the Congregational Church, and with the responsive reading to go with it, can be obtained of the Literature Department of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y., price fifty cents per hundred.

Ella A. Beale
Secretary.

Dictated. New York, January 22, 1906.

Mrs. A. H. Vedder,

199 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Vedder:-

We have sent copies of ~~the Call~~ to Prayer, as well as the program and responsive reading, to each presbyterial president, but if you care to write each one a line, urging her to pass along the word to each auxiliary society, wewill be greatly obliged.

We will be glad to furnish each presbyterial president a sufficient number of copies of the program and Call to Prayer for her to send one to each auxiliary society, provided she will send a personal letter to each auxiliary president emphasizing the importance of observing this day.

Trusting that this meeting together may mean a great blessing to our church, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 22, 1908.

Miss Sara J. Adams,

Greenport, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Miss Adams:-

We will be very glad to send you a sufficient number of copies of the Call to Prayer, as well as the program and responsive reading, to send one to every auxiliary society in your presbytery, if you will send with them a personal letter urging that the day be generally observed.

The Call to Prayer is so strong that we are sure it will appeal to the women.

Mrs. James is still President of the Interdenominational Council, but this call goes out from the Woman's Board of Home Missions and carries with it the request from the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational Societies. You will note that the "Call" is addressed to the women of the Presbyterian Church, as we would have no right to call upon the women of other churches.

We have just ordered 20,000 copies of the Call to Prayer, so that it can be supplied for general distribution.

Yours with love,

Ellen F. Doole.

Dictated. New York, January 25, 1906.

Miss Eleanor Rankin,

751 High St., Newark, N. J.

Dear Miss Rankin:-

Your letter addressed to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church has been referred to me.

Considerable work is being done in New York City among foreign-speaking people, but it is largely done through the New York City Mission Society. Our Woman's Board is, however, about ready to place a missionary at Ellis Island, to meet the foreigners who come to this country, and do a much needed work. This missionary speaks Bohemian and Polish, and understands German, although born in this country, and we believe she will be able to do a good work.

While, of course, it is perfectly right for Presbyterian women to contribute to an independent work, inasmuch as a certain work has been given the women of our church by General Assembly, we believe that loyalty to the church should lead our women to support the work for which we are pledged. Should you desire to contribute something for this new work at Ellis Island, your gift will be very gratefully received, and will be applied as directed.

There is no doubt about it that there is a great deal of destitution among the foreigners in New York City, and that any amount of money can be expended worthily among them. Personally I

know nothing of the work of the New York Foreigners' Mission and they may be doing a good work, but it is not under the Presbyterian Church.

Very sincerely yours,

Elliott, Doyle,

Dictated. New York, January 25, 1906.

Mrs. J. L. Russell,

Colwyn, Delaware Co., Pa.

Dear Mrs. Russell:-

I find in looking over my appointments that it will be impossible for me to come to Philadelphia and Darby for the meeting on Wednesday, March 14th. There is no night train that I could take out of Philadelphia that would get me to Rochester in any sort of shape to address a meeting there, and I would already have missed one day there. It is probable that the "big woman's meeting" in connection with the series of meetings there will be held on Thursday, and it would be necessary for me to be on hand that day.

Shall Mrs. Gildersleeve plan to send anybody else? I think she could find some one who would be available and who would please your ladies, if you want her to do so.

Regretting that I can not come, for I have always found it impossible to be in two places at once, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, January 26, 1906.

Miss Grace Hunter,

Hubbard House, Northampton, Mass.

Dear Miss Hunter:-

Of course I remember you, and am glad you are looking toward the Home Mission field as you plan for your life work. Without doubt there will be some vacancies in Cuba and Porto Rico this coming year; in fact, there is to be a vacancy as early as the first of May, and we are now looking for a teacher to go down at once.

We have no schools of high grade in either field. The one at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, is the highest in grade, but I do not know that there will be any vacancy there.

The reason why we have to ask teachers going to either these fields to stay three years is that they must learn the Spanish language, and it is impossible for them to do effective work the first year or two, but it does not mean that a teacher can not return to her home within that time but she would be obliged to pay her own traveling expenses. In Porto Rico we endeavor to have the teaching done in English, but, except in the one school mentioned, the work does not extend above the eighth grade.

The opening for mission work in Cuba and Porto Rico is fine. The people are thoroughly interested, and the schools are well filled. The salaries in mission work, as you can readily under-

stand, are not as large as in some other fields of educational work. In Cuba and Porto Rico they are $500 per year, and traveling expenses to the field. Should you desire to enter any other of our fields, there will be openings, but whether in the high grade work or not I can not tell.

Prof. Notestein's daughter taught in the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C., and there is to be a vacancy there next year. Miss Casler, who was the former Associate Principal, resigned to take up Young Women's Christian Work, and some adjustments have been made but there will be a vacancy next year. (Miss Casler was a Smith graduate.) It might not be a bad idea for you to write Dr. Thomas Lawrence, Asheville, N. C., and, in the meantime, should you wish to make application for a position in Cuba or Porto Rico, or any other school in our field, write to our School Department of the Women's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, for an application blank, and when you read that over carefully you will understand the situation.

Hoping that you may become one of our workers another year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Edward Doak

Dictated. New York, January 25, 1906.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,
1939 California St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Your letter has lain upon my desk for a long time, for there seemed nothing special in it to answer, but I was greatly pleased this morning, in looking over the reports of the receipts from California, to learn how splendidly the money is coming in this year. I am sure that the efforts of the synodical officers, supplemented by Miss Fraser's work, have been responsible for this, and we are exceedingly grateful.

How I wish I might be able to attend your synodical meeting next fall, and if you were to make a strong plea for it perhaps it might be possible. Would you be willing to spare Miss Fraser for work in other synods if I should come to California? I do not know that it could be arranged for next year, but am sure we could use Miss Fraser in visiting synodical societies. We hear fine results of her work, and results follow.

We are all very sorry that Mr. Baer is to leave as one of the Secretaries of the Board, but presume you people in California feel very happy, as he will become the President of Occidental Col-

lege and will make his headquarters at Pasadena. There have been a good many changes here, but it is a great pleasure to all of us to have Mrs. Pingry with us.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 25, 1906.

Miss M. Montgomery,

Concord, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Montgomery:-

Perhaps you saw in "The Ladies' Home Journal" for December our appeal for towels to be sent for use in the boarding schools in the mountain field. Up to date eight hundred sixty-five towels and one hundred twenty-five years of uncut goods for towels have been received at Asheville, and we want to divide them among the schools on the mountain field. How are you off for towels at Laura Sunderland? Do you need any? If so, let me know, because while this seems like a great number, it will not go very far with all the pupils we have in school.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 26, 1906.

Miss Lydia A. Hays,

Buffalo, New York.

Dear Miss Hays:-

I am very sorry that you failed to receive the proper literature for presenting the work at Point Barrow. There is really very little printed: in fact, almost nothing. Dr. Marsh was not a man who did much writing, and so we have practically nothing new.

I did write you one letter - whether you received it or not I do not know - explaining something of the situation at Point Barrow. The house which was built some years ago by Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard is large and well adapted for the work, but for some time the sea has been encroaching upon the land and has come so near the house that they were very much afraid it would be washed away, therefore it became necessary, in order to save the house, to move it. The work would be done largely by the natives, but they would have to be paid for their work in all sorts of commodities that they might use for clothing or food. These were ordered in San Francisco a year ago and sent up to Point Barrow. In all probability the house is moved by this time, although the bill is not paid, and the ladies of Buffalo Presbytery were asked, as a special offering, to contribute $500 toward this building and repair fund.

This is in line with the advance movement, where every lady is asked to make a special offering for that work.

Dr. Marsh has left Point Barrow and Rev. S. R. Spriggs is now the missionary there, with a Government teacher, whose name I do not know. You know we never get but two mails a year from Point Barrow - two of them are nine months apart, and the next three months apart. I read a most interesting letter from a Mrs. Kilbuck, a few weeks ago, a copy of which we do not have, in which she said that it had been seven months since they had had mail from home, and that it would be a little over two months before they would hear again; and it was very pathetic, as she said, "I wonder what the news will be; I wonder if my children are well," for she had left in this country a seventeen year old daughter in charge of two younger children. A lady who was present at the meeting said that the news she would receive was that her seventeen year old daughter was dead and buried. The Kilbucks have gone to St. Lawrence Island, but I do not know who has been sent to Point Barrow as the Government teacher.

We enclose all that we really have in regard to the work there. You will just have to make your general talk on Alaska and its needs, and make a special plea at the close for Point Barrow. I will write Dr. Jackson and see whether he has anything additional on Point Barrow and ask him to send it to you.

Yours with love,

C. H. Beale,

Dictated. New York, January 25, 1906.

Mrs. John M. Robe,

Okmulgee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Robe:-

Your nice letter came several days ago. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Robe has not been well for some time, but trust he may soon be better.

We received the cards announcing the birth of the little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen, and have sent them congratulations.

We are greatly interested in what is to become of Nuyaka. I have written twice to General Porter but, although the letters have not been returned to us, we have had no reply. I am sure that if he had not received them they would have come back to us. We can make no plans in reference to any of the workers at Nuyaka until we know what is to become of the school. The time is getting very short, and yet the bill has not passed Congress. Have you received any other information beyond what has been forwarded to us? In the event that Nuyaka should be closed, I am sure we will do everything we can to find places for such workers at Nuyaka as desire to remain in the services of the Woman's Board, although we may not be able to place them at once.

I so greatly enjoyed my visit to you and the little glimpse I got of the good work being done among the Creeks, that it would be a matter of great personal regret if the school must be closed. It is the best full blood work we are doing in Indian Territory, and I might say all the full blood work we are doing. We must, however, believe that God rules and guides, and if the way should be closed for continuing the work we must accept "His leading and guiding."

With kindest regards to all the workers, and very pleasant memories of my visit to Muyaka, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 27, 1908.

Rev. D. J. McMillan, D. D.,
28 West 128th St., City.

Dear Dr. McMillan:-

The Woman's Board proposes to place a missionary at Ellis Island, and we have engaged a Mrs. Riha, whose husband is a student at the General Theological Seminary, Bloomfield, N. J. We understand that you have been pleading for a Bible reader up in the Bronx. Would it be any help to you if you could have the services of Mrs. Riha for a month while we are making arrangements for her to go to Ellis Island?

Mrs. Riha, while born in this country, speaks Bohemian, and understand Polish and German. She has had experience along this line of work, having been for fourteen months under the Maryland Tract Society in Baltimore.

I want some information in regard to it before presenting it at the meeting of the Woman's Board, and if you could reply to this letter so that I could hear by Tuesday morning it would facilitate matters.

Cordially yours,

C. [illegible],

Dictated. New York, January 29, 1906.

Miss Alice M. Robertson,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Miss Robertson:-

I wrote you some time ago expressing the sympathy of the Woman's Board in the death of your mother, but write now to send you a copy of what has been spread upon our minutes in regard to her.

"It is with heartfelt sorrow that the Woman's Board of Home Missions records the death of Mrs. A. E. W. Robertson of Muskogee, Ind. Ter., on November 19, 1905. Mrs. Robertson was born on Home Mission ground and devoted her entire life and energy to missionary labors among the Indians, especially those of the Creek and Cherokee Nations; she translated the New Testament, together with a number of hymns and tracts, into the Creek language, and continued the work of translation and distribution of literature even during the later years of her life when too enfeebled to engage in more active work.

"Her sweet patience and unfailing sympathy endeared her to the people for whom she labored, as well as to a large circle of privileged friends.

"She was for many years a vice-president of the Woman's Board and even followed the work in all its details with the most prayerful interest. In grateful acknowledgment of the wide, beneficient influence of her life, and with a deep sense of their own loss, the Woman's Board place this record upon their minutes."

What a blessing to have had such a mother, and how many reminders you will have of her devotion to the Master! You will miss her, but your sorrow will be swallowed up in the thought that to her has come eternal joy and the reward of a life well spent.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, January 29, 1906.

Mrs. W. R. Thompson,

313 East Wheeling St.,

Washington, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:-

We must erect at once a porch at Jewett, New Mexico. You know this work is among the Navajo Indians, and up to this time very little missionary work has been done for them. While the hospital is not large, being more in the nature of a dispensary than a real hospital, yet sometimes very sick Indians are brought there. There is only one room where they can be cared for, and you know the Indians are very superstitious; they will not enter a room where any one has died. Accordingly, when a patient is nigh unto death he must be taken out of doors, and Dr. Starr says that the erection of a porch, where the sick Indians may be taken, and where those waiting to be treated in the dispensary may sit, is a necessity. How would your ladies like to contribute their money towards that object? The porch will cost $90.00, and this may be more than you think you can give, but possibly if your ladies realize how valuable an addition it would be to the hospital equipment, they would make a special effort and get the full amount.

We will send you a copy of the program for the Day of Prayer, which will be on February 22nd, although, inadvertently, it was published the 23rd in the December number of the Home Mission Monthly. Some will find it impossible to observe the day on the 22nd of February, on account of it being a holiday, so that the blunder is not a very serious one.

Kindly let me know whether the object mentioned meets with your approval.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, January 5, 1906.

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Mrs. W. N. Riha,

Box 311, Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Riha:-

We have obtained the necessary permission for the Woman's Board of Home Missions to place a missionary at Ellis Island. We have sent Mr. Watchorn your name, so that he will issue a pass for you to use in going back and forth to Ellis Island.

We have also communicated with Miss Matthews, who is the missionary of the Methodist Church, and in a letter she says: "I am glad you expect to put a worker on the Island, especially for the Bohemian and Polish people. I can not say as to how much time she will need to spend there; she can tell better about that after she begins. Let her come and I will give her what time I can to help her along until she becomes a little acquainted. We can see about the desk or cupboard after she begins. I presume there will be days when she will not need to be on the Island all day; she can judge better about that afterward, and when those days come she can leave the Island and attend to her work in the city."

We are ready to have you begin work as soon as these necessary arrangements are completed, and possibly you can begin by February 8th. You will probably have to spend a few days looking

over the ground to find out what you can do, but report at the office here what you do find, and you can probably do that better by coming in and talking it over.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

When you go to Ellis Island inquire for Miss Matthews. There is a Missionaries room.

E. A. B.

Dictated. New York, February 5, 1906.

Mrs. A. Fry,

48 Prospect St.,

Trenton, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Fry:-

The post office address of Elm Spring Mission is Welling, Indian Territory, and we have forwarded your letter to Miss Elliott.

I am delighted that your society secured $27.00 for the Logan building, and it came so easily that it did not seem to be a burden.

With kind regards to your son and daughter, I am,

Yours with love

Dictated. New York, February 5, 1906.

Mrs. W. A. Coldren,

Dennison, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Coldren:-

Your letter of February 1st at hand. The box of groceries may be sent to Miss Minnie E. Lauren, Harlan, Kentucky. The freight address is Hagans, Virginia. This is a teachers' home and a Home for girls, and is managed very economically, so that the gift of groceries will be very acceptable.

The teachers at this school are very isolated. Harlan is reached by a long drive of seventeen miles over most dreadful roads. I made the trip there a year ago last fall, and while it was an enjoyable one, the roads were so rough that it took us from 10.30 A. M. until 4.30 P. M. to make the journey, and part of the time it was much more comfortable to walk than to ride.

Thanking you for your gift, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1906.

Mrs. John M. Robe,

Okmulgee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Robe:-

I was very glad indeed to receive your letter even though you are unable to tell us much definitely about the future of Nuyaka. It is needless for me to say that we would be only too glad if the school could be continued, and Mr. Robe will be notified from the School Department that at our meeting yesterday we authorized the continuance of the school as long as the money will hold out, if the additional amount appropriated by the Creek Nation should be available. While I am not in position to speak authoritatively I believe some way can be provided whereby the school can be continued for a certain number of years, if the property were to be deeded to us.

I have written General Porter twice but have had no reply, but will write him again to-day.

I think the teachers and workers at Nuyaka have been very patient in the midst of the uncertainties. Of course, they all understand that their commissions continue until April 1st whether the school continues or not, and I can assure you we will do what we can to provide positions for them as fast as theremay be openings.

...sympathy with all of them in the midst of the uncertainty, and that we have not forgotten them. We can do nothing, however, until the future of the school is decided.

I am so glad it was my privilege to visit Muyaka and can assure you all that my interest is more than official; it is really personal in every bit of the work you are doing.

With kind regards to all the workers, I am,

Yours with love,

Ellen C. Beals.

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1906.

Mr. W. L. Palmer,

Anadarko, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mr. Palmer:-

I write to ask you to have sent to Rev. F. L. Schaub, Marble, Ind. Ter., five dozen towels and as much crash as you can spare from the supplies sent in response to the appeal in "The Ladies' Home Journal."

Hoping that the health of all at Mary Gregory Memorial is good, and with kind regards to Mrs. Palmer and the children, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ellen C. Beals,

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1903.

Rev. F. L. Schaub,

Marble, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mr. Schaub:-

Your letter of February 14th at hand. I have asked Mr. Palmer of Anadarko, Okla. Ter., to send you five dozen towels, and as much crash as they can spare, this, of course, to be used for roller towels.

We are glad to know that you have so many full-blood, in your school, and especially at this time the advantages ought to be deeply appreciated by them. We are all watching with interest to see what Congress will do in regard to the Government schools in Indian Territory.

In regard to the scholarships:- I do not know how many have been secured. Mr. Craig thought he could get the money, but I will pass this matter over to the Treasury Department. I think the money will have to come, however, in the shape of an additional appropriation for the expenses of the school, upon our notifying the Woman's Board that money has been received for these special scholarships.

We have talked over the matter of placing a basement under the chapel, to use for additional school room, but it does not meet with the approval of the office. We feel that it would be far

better in your next year's budget for you to find out how much an addition to your present school building would cost and enlarge it rather than to house the children for their school work in a basement. You can find out how much this will cost, and while I am not authorizing it, we will do our best to get it through.

In reference to the lights:- The ladies approve of electric lighting, and desire me to suggest that you secure just as much money as you can for it. We are glad you have $60.00 toward it, and perhaps you can get the rest.

I am so glad for even my short visit to Old Dwight, because I think I know a good deal more of the situation than I did before.

It must be difficult to look after the laundry in your small quarters, and if you can impress this fact upon Mrs. Alexander before another year, without doubt she will be ready to do something to help you out. Isn't it strange that we are always wanting something, and as our facilities for work increase our needs, as well as our wants, also increase.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Schaub and the force of workers at Old Dwight. I have not even forgotten Sam, and for little Dwight I send my best love.

Sincerely yours,

Edna W. Book,

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1905.

General Pleasant Porter,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

March 4th is approaching, when our contract for the continuance of the school at Nuyaka will expire, and as the time is so short we would be glad to know what the plans of the Creek Nation in regard to the future of the school may be.

We understand that nearly one thousand dollars beyond the necessary appropriation for running the school until March 4th was made by the Creek Nation. If this money is available the school can continue nearly a month longer. As President of the Creek Nation, can you tell us whethere there is a probability that this money will be available?

At a meeting of our Woman's Board yesterday we voted to retain the teachers as long as this money lasts, but there is, of course, some uncertainty in regard to the future of the school. If the property should be transferred to us, and the Indians were able and willing to pay for the board of their children in the way of scholarships of $75.00 each per year, it is possible that our

Board might be willing to accept the property and continue it, and provide the teachers. While you might want it guaranteed that this should be done for five years at least, I am not in position to state authoritatively but am sure our ladies would consider it. May we not hear from you in regard to the probabilities?

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 31, 1906.

Mrs. Charles L. Thompson,

126 North Arlington Ave.,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Thompson:-

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Work among Foreigners in my room on Friday morning to consider the application of Dr. McMillan, as Chairman of the Home Mission Committee, for a Bible reader in the Bronx. Mrs. Bennett asked me to invite you to be present at 11.30 o'clock. Hoping that you can be here, I am,

Cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1906.

Rev. W. I. Davenport,
507 South Ninth St.,
Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Davenport:-

Your letter in reference to the young lady in your church who desires to enter the Home Mission field at hand. We are in constant need of teachers for all our fields, though we do not yet know what vacancies there will be at the end of the year.

It is the rule of the Board that all applicants must apply by personal letter to the Superintendent of School Work, Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City. An application blank will then be sent her and definite instructions in regard to ~~her~~ credentials. We are praying that earnest, consecrated young women may offer themselves for this very important work of the church, and while we could not guarantee that the opening for which the young lady was fitted might be found in the mountain work, yet ~~her~~ application, with credentials, will be carefully considered.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Poole,

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1906.

Miss Fanny C. Childs,

Chevy Chase, Md.

Dear Miss Childs:-

Your letter at hand. We will be very glad if Washington City Presbyterial can make the suits for the girls at Sitka again this year, and enclose measurements for the number required of each size. We hope it will be possible for you to make them. Great care is used in the matter of these dresses, and about every two years new ones must be made; the former ones are then taken for second best and are made to last just as long as they can.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Hamlin is steadily improving. As my sister underwent a serious operation this fall, and is only recovering, I can understand how difficult it is for her to save herself. Give her my love when you see her.

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Bradley.

Dictated. New York, February 21, 1906.

Mrs. A. A. Anderson,

Etowah, Henderson Co., N. C.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:-

I will forward your letter to Dr. Lawrence and am sure that every phase of it will be carefully considered. You must understand, however, that the Woman's Board does not provide instruction in music for any of the pupils in its mission schools; that must be provided for by the parents, so that there could be no help along that line. As Dr. Lawrence has a knowledge of all the details in regard to the work, this matter, of course, must be referred to him.

Yours truly,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, February 23, 1900.

Miss V. H. White,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Miss White:-

By this mail we are notifying Dr. Colbert that his commission will not be renewed after April 1, 1900. This conclusion has been reached not through anything that may have come to us from the field, but because of letters received from Dr. Colbert himself. He will remain in charge until April 1st, inasmuch as we deem it might be a serious injury to some of the patients in the hospital to be obliged to change physician without any notice.

It has been decided to ask you to see if Dr. Holmes could take charge until we can secure a competent person to be superintendent.

Inasmuch as Mr. Colbert has been orderly, it will also be necessary for us to secure some one to occupy that position, and also a competent nurse to take charge of the training department.

We cabled Miss Barlow to return on the Caracas, which sailed on Wednesday of last week, and arrangements were made that her passage should be prepaid at this end of the line. Letters received since then tell that she expected to be away from the hospital for

a week, and she may not have received the cablegram in time to take that boat. We have written her that her resignation has been accepted, and also that her passage will be prepaid at this end of the line whenever she is ready to return. If we are notified when she is ready to return, we will meet her at the boat and endeavor to persuade her to go to her father's at once. We hope she may be willing to do this.

You will know whether Dr. Holmes can assume the added responsibility in regard to the hospital, and we sincerely hope she may be able and willing to do so, for no one is so well fitted as she, and while it will not be an easy thing to do, yet we are sure for the sake of the work she will be willing to undertake it if she is able to do so.

We are very sorry that your visit to Porto Rico should contain so much that is unpleasant, but feel sure that in other fields you will have much of interest and value to report.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole

P. S. Since dictating the above we have decided that it is best to send you money with which to pay Miss Barlow's passage to New York. In the event she has come, you can return the money to us.

Dictated. New York, February 24, 1906.

Mrs. J. R. Logan,

Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dear Mrs. Logan:-

Your letter of February 20th at hand. We do not have any constitution and by-laws for the support of our various industrial schools. Of course, the management of all our schools we have general rules, and all matters in regard to their policy must be reported to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Our schools for girls are two-fold in character, the industrial part and the educational part. The industrial work is taught in connection with the Home, in which there is a matron, who is the house-mother, and teaches the girls how to do the work of the Home. The school work is conducted as other schools, with possibly the exception that a little less time is given to study on account of doing work outside.

I do not know what would be the nearest training school to Shreveport, La. We have a Normal and Collegiate Institute at Asheville, N. C., where there is a complete normal school, and which we consider one of the very best schools we have. Here the young ladies do all the work of the establishment and have lessons in cook-

Dictated. New York, February 26, 1906.

Mrs. R. W. McDonell,

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. McDonell:-

Your letter just received. While many of our societies and a few of our presbyterial societies are organized as Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, yet as a national work we are entirely distinct; in fact, the matter of organization is different. There are seven Foreign Boards but in the Home work we have but one society, which covers the whole territory of the United States, known by the name of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Many of our auxiliary societies do both Home and Foreign work, and by action of the General Assembly, the work for Freedmen may also be presented. Funds received by the societies are designated for Home, Foreign and Freedmen's work, and we have not the slightest difficulty in carrying the two kinds of mission work side by side. Sometimes the money in the envelopes is divided evenly between Home and Foreign Missions, and a special contribution is taken for the Freedmen's work. In some synods the money is divided two-fifths for Home, two-fifths for Foreign, and one-fifth for Freedmen. We try,

however, to have the former arrangement, whereby the funds are designated.

While the plan for meetings is not always well maintained, nevertheless every effort is made to give equal prominence to each. Some times the Home and Foreign work are presented at alternate meetings; sometimes at the same meeting, in which case we recommend that if the Home work comes the first part of the meeting and the Foreign last, their order be reversed at the next meeting.

We each have our magazine. The name of that for Foreign work being Woman's Work for Woman, and for the Home work, the Home Mission Monthly, and are able to carry on the work without any friction at all.

If there are any other questions you want to ask I shall be glad to answer them.

Cordially yours,

Louise S. Burke

Dictated. New York, February 26, 1906.

Miss Eliza H. Glassey,

Haywards, Calif.

Dear Miss Glassey:-

Since dictating my former letter to you yours of February 19th is at hand. We are glad to enclose to you the two copies of the action of the Woman's Board in reference to temperance secretaries.

The matter of the relation of the women's missionary societies to the temperance work is a very simple one. The organization of the Woman's Board and the synodical, presbyterial and auxiliary societies is for the purpose of gathering funds for work upon the field, therefore it does not seem advisable to the Woman's Board to introduce in this machinery a temperance secretary, for if the door is once opened for other objects it would be hard to draw the line, but in the work on the field the temperance work comes in as a part of the whole Gospel, and if you could be here in the office and see how many teachers speak of the drunkeness in their community as being a hindrance to the work of the Gospel, you would see how this intimate relationship between temperance and mission work is being brought out and can not be ignored.

The auxiliary missionary society does not do work in the community in which it lives, because as such its object is to raise money, but when it comes to the field our missionaries are not only good Presbyterians but are good missionaries and recognize that they must teach total abstinence, and those who want to help in the temperance work on the field can be of vital assistance to the missionaries by furnishing them literature, with pledge cards and with temperance helps.

If this is explained to your ladies they will readily see the difference between the work at home and the work on the field, and I do not believe I would develop too much active opposition to the temperance secretaries that are already appointed; in fact, I would rather divert their attention to see what has been accomplished upon the field and what can be done upon the field, and think in that way the problem may be solved rather than arouse any antagonism in the local or presbyterial societies.

Of course, we all know there are organizations to do the work at home that have the literature for that machinery, and it does not seem wise to multiply objects.

I believe Mrs. McCrea is to be the speaker at your spring presbyterials, and if your societies can give her ten dollars, to be applied toward her traveling expenses, that will be very satisfactory to the Woman's Board. Mrs. McCrea is a charming woman, a good speaker, and has spent two winters in Arizona, so that she knows something of the field, as well as a good deal about our organization.

Yours with love,

Ella F. Brooke.

Dictated. New York, February 28, 1906.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, N. C.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

Your letter of February 15th came while I was away from the office and has waited for a reply until this time.

We did not approach the Editors of "The Ladies' Home Journal;" they appealed to us, and said they were placing a page of their magazine at the disposal of charitable organizations, and asked us to appeal for one thing that might be of use in our schools. After careful consideration, the Woman's Board advised that we make the appeal for towels, expecting, of course, that it would be answered mostly by those who were not affiliated with the Home Missionary Societies.

While possibly I might object to a pulpit notice as a little undignified of asking each member to bring a towel, yet inasmuch as that was the admission fee perhaps it was not much more than paying a certain amount. The women enjoyed the gathering of their gifts, and it put a little variety into their box work.

The total number of towels received up to date is not much less than fifteen hundred, besides nearly two hundred yards of crash. It is always much more difficult to get things like this for our mission schools than it is to get clothing, and as the things

that come to us came without any added expense, we have been willing to accept them. I am sorry it has made you extra work, but we felt that your school was so central and so well known that it was the best place to have the towels sent.

Hoping you are well, I am,

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, February 28, 1906.

Mrs. E. S. Lyon,

38 Kingold St., Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Lyon:-

Your letter asking for a "model constitution" at hand. We enclose you a copy of Hints and Helps for Local Societies, and trust you may be able to get from that what you want. Of course, each society adds in its by-laws matters which are peculiar to its work, but you will understand about that.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

of course, we can not tell how we will stand until the end of the fiscal year, when the books close.

Let us know when you are to arrive in New York and we will see about your entertainment.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Bishop

Dictated, New York, March 1, 1906.

Mrs. Mary A. Bishop,

Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Bishop:-

The appeal of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe, New Mexico, that the Mary E. James' School be located at Santa Fe, and their protest against it being taken to Albuquerque, has been received and will be carefully considered. You will be notified when the final decision is reached.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Bishop,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 8, 1906.

Dr. Grace Atkins Holmes,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Holmes:-

Last week I wrote Miss White to ascertain whether you would be able to assume charge of the hospital until a successor to Dr. Colbert could be secured. We hope that you will do so. He is to remain until April 1st. This seemed to be the wisest provision inasmuch as we did not want to do anything that would be injurious to the work of the hospital. Of course, we will do everything we can to secure a successor as soon as possible.

Mrs. James desires me to write you asking if you thought a good woman physician would be competent to be the superintendent of the hospital. We have been so unfortunate in the two men who have stood at the head that there is a little feeling that the hospital ought to be made a hospital for woman and children, with a good woman in charge. We shall await your judgment in the matter, however, because we know you know the situation far better than we possibly can.

Thanking you for all you have done and are continuing to do for the hospital, I am,

Cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, March 8, 1906.

Miss Julia Fraser,
1750 Washington St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

It seems a long time until the Annual meeting but plans have to be made a good while in advance, and I am writing at the request of Mrs. James to say that she would like to have you attend the Annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa. As you know, it will occur on May 17th and 18th, and we will want you to give a fifteen minute talk on Home Missions from the Standpoint of a Field Secretary. I can not at this time tell you just where in the program you will come, but you will know that later.

We were greatly interested in your account of your visit to Eaton, and are so thankful for all your efforts in behalf of the work. The life of a speaker is not an easy one, involving many hardships and many trying experiences, but you enter upon the work with such a spirit of enthusiasm that you rise above all these things. May God bless and keep you.

Yours with love,

Some time I hope I may be able to visit you, but the spring of the year is a very difficult time for me to get away. The annual report must be prepared, and there is much work to be done in connection with the Annual meeting, which is always held in connection with General Assembly. We were quite disappointed not to see you at Winona Lake last year, and I had wondered why I had not received any letter.

With kind regards to all your teachers, and praying that you may be greatly blessed in all your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Elliott Cook

Dictated. New York, March 2, 1906.

Mr. J. L. Colbert,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Sir:-

We are now making up our schedule of appointments for the coming year. This is to notify you that when your term of office shall expire, March 31, 1906, your commission will not be renewed. There will be no appointment of an orderly at present.

Yours truly,

Ellis. B

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 5, 1908.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

1344 Hyde St., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

The past year has made many changes, and we note with sorrow that five who have been listed as our vice-presidents have heard the heavenly summons and among them Mrs. Samuel Minor, of California. This leaves a vacancy in the list of your vice-presidents, and if you can do so, before the time of Annual meeting, we would be very glad to have you nominate her successor. Of course, if you can not make such nomination now, the change can be made in the fall, but it seems to me it would be advisable to have it made at the Annual meeting.

Hoping that you yourself will be present at the Annual meeting, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 5, 1906.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

The past year has made many changes, and we note with sorrow that five who have been listed as our vice-presidents have heard the heavenly summons and among them Mrs. E. N. Crosby of New York. This leaves a vacancy in the list of your vice-presidents, and if you can do so, before the time of the Annual meeting, we would be very glad to have you nominate her successor. Of course, if you can not make such nomination now, the change can be made in the fall, but it seems to me it would be advisable to have it made at the Annual meeting.

Hoping that you yourself will be present at the Annual meeting, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 5, 1906.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

The past year has made many changes, and we note with sorrow that five who have been listed as our vice-presidents have heard the heavenly summons, and among them Mrs. C. B. Farwell of Illinois. This leaves a vacancy in the list of vice-presidents, and if you can do so, before the time of the Annual meeting, we would be very glad to have you nominate her successor. Of course, if you can not make such nomination now, the change can be made in the fall, but it seems to me it would be advisable to have it made at the Annual meeting.

Hoping that you yourself will be present at the Annual meeting, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 5, 1906.

Mrs. E. D. Hoag,

Newton, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Hoag:-

The past year has made many changes and we note with sorrow that five who have been listed as our vice-presidents have heard the heavenly summons and among them Mrs. M. B. Cleland of Kansas. This leaves a vacancy in the list of vice-presidents, and if you can do so, before the time of the Annual meeting, we would be very glad to have you nominate her successor. Of course, if you can not make such nomination now, the change can be made in the fall, but it seems to me it would be advisable to have it made at the Annual meeting.

Hoping that you yourself will be present at the Annual meeting, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1906.

Dr. Grace Atkins Holmes,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Holmes:-

We have learned through Miss White of your willingness to take temporary charge of the hospital on the retirement of Dr. Colbert, April 1, 1906, and I want to assure you of our gratitude to you for your willingness to help us in this trying situation.

Dr. Colbert will be notified that he is to turn over the property to you, and further details will be sent you on the next steamer. We are expecting Miss White back next Monday, and after conference with her will be able to suggest the name of some one who can be present during the transfer and be of service to you.

In the matter of the retention of Dr. Frost:- We are hoping this may be settled after the arrival of the next steamer. It seems to us that it is one of the things that will settle itself, for it is probable she will resign when she learns that the acceptance of Dr. Colbert's resignation is final.

We are hoping Miss Sinclair did not sail on Tuesday but that she went to Anasco or some other quiet place to rest, and that she may be recalled to the hospital when you take charge. While we

do not know what she is able to do, it seems to us that she can be used as a nurse, unless she is more needed as housekeeper. All speak highly of her missionary spirit.

We will proceed at once to see what can be done to find some one to take charge of the hospital permanently, but you do not know what a load it lifts off of us to know you are to assume charge. Dr. Colbert will understand that he is to vacate the house April 1st, and his father has been notified that he will not be recomissioned after March 31st, 1906, so that you will be relieved of all complications of the presence of the family.

Dear Dr. Atkins, you may be assured that we are praying much for the work of the hospital at this time: perhaps we have never prayed for it enough, and you will be often in our thoughts and prayers. The formal notice in regard to the transfer will come in the next mail.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1906.

Mrs. L. J. Taylor,

Le Sueur, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Taylor:-

We have nothing printed on the work of Mrs. Riha, our missionary at Ellis Island; she only began work the 8th of February and, of course, it has taken most of this time to get started. Mrs Riha is of Bohemian parentage, speaks Bohemian, Polish, Slovak, as well as English. There are twenty-seven other missionaries at Ellis Island, but she is the only one who speaks Bohemian and Slovak. She has had some experience in that kind of work, having been engaged under the American Tract Society in visiting steamers in Baltimore. She seems well adapted for her work, and is enthusiastic in the joy it brings her of helping those poor people. She gives out leaflets in all these languages, talks with the people personally, and never loses an opportunity of speaking a word for Christ.

The salary of this missionary has not yet been assumed by any society; we want to give to a good many societies an opportunity to have a part in it. It is $40.00 per month, and in the next number of the Home Mission Monthly we will ask for twelve societies to take as their advance work one month's salary, thus sharing in the welcome given these foreigners to our shores, and being instru-

mental in scattering the Gospel among a great many people.

The fifteen per cent. asked for last year as an advance will be asked for again this year, the money to be used in the support of such church work as shall have grown out of the work of the Woman's Board, and to undertake new work among foreign-speaking people.

I am afraid what I have given you is very meagre but it is the best I can do, because the work at Ellis Island is yet in its infancy, and we can not tell how many new schools we can open until the books close on March 31st.

Hoping that your meeting may be a profitable one, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen Pirole

Mar. 22, 1906.

Mrs. Robert. L. Holmes,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

My dear Mrs. Holmes:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board I want to express our gratitude that you are willing to take charge of the hospital until a permanent superintendent can be obtained. You will receive instructions from the School Department, but I cannot resist sending you this personal note to assure you that we are praying for the hospital and trust that when these serious things are adjusted, we may be at the end of our difficulties.
Mrs. Pingry will write you in detail as to the transfer.

We were all glad to see Miss White looking so well.
You have our earnest prayers and we will be glad to co-operate with you in every way we can.

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

Mar. 23, 1906.

Mrs. G. E. Blackburn ,

Butte, Mont.

My dear Mrs. Blackburne:-

You return one synodical blank to this office; use the second one for yourself if you desire to make out one for yourself; and file the summary with the Stated Clerk of synod. Sometimes societies prefer to file the whole blank, but we find that synod only cares for the summary and it saves a good deal of work.

We are glad to welcome you to the ranks of our synodical secretaries, and trust that our association in Home Mission work may prove mutually helpful. Anything I can do to be of service to you I will be glad to do.

Sincerely yours,

Edear A. Poole.

Dictated. March 23, 1906.

Mrs. Josephine Hunt,

Roswell, New Mexico.

My dear Mrs. Hunt:-

We are very glad to receive the report of your missionary society and to know that you are doing such good work. I am sorry that we have not been able to effect a Presbyterial organization for your part of the Synod, and if you can help us in any way to doso it would be a good thing. However, until there is a Presbyterial organization we will send you the blanks for your auxiliary society; and in making up our report for the year you will of course, be given credit on the report of the Woman's Board for all contributions received.

I presume that distances are so great in New Mexico, that it would not be easy for the ladies to get together even in Presbyterial meeting; but there is enthusiasm that comes from contact with other workers, and you are specially to be congratulated, in that you are able to maintain the interest, even though deprived of that privilege.

We tried last year to effect a Synodical organization for New Mexico, but the testimony was that the distances were so great that it would not be practical. Accordingly we will send communications directly to you, and if we can be of service to you at any time do not hesitate to ask us.

With kind regards to your workers, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. March 23, 1906.

Miss Mary L. Strong,

Moody Bible Training Institute,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Strong:-

As we approach the close of our school year we find that there will be many vacancies the coming year, and I am writing to ask if there are not some in the Institute, who would like to offer themselves for our work. We need teachers and Bible readers. We prefer those who have had both Bible and Normal training, and while the salaries are not large, they are enough for comfortable living, and the opportunities for Christian service are great. We are specially in need of workers among foreign speaking people.

Will you not bring this matter to the attention of the students, and may we not all pray that God may touch the hearts of some that they may feel called to this work of evangelizing our own land?

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Cordially yours,

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Mar. 24, 1906.

Rev. James Hayes,

Kamiah, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Hayes:-

I write at the request of Mrs. Darwin R. James, the president of our Woman's Board, to ask you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, which will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, at the same time as General Assembly.

Our first meeting will be on May 17th in the afternoon, and we would like to have you talk at that meeting. Of course your expenses will be provided for.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to attend, and in any event you will let us know, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mar. 25, 1906

Mrs. E. A. Spalding,

Phoenix, ARiz.

My dear Mrs. Spalding:-

We only learned a few days ago of the organization of your Presbyterial society, and I am very glad to send you what is hardly a word of greeting, but certainly a welcome to our Presbyterial ranks. In your large Presbyterial it will be no easy matter for all your workers to get together, but those who can will be blessed and helped by exchanging ideas.

I do not know when your Presbyterial meeting is to be held, but Mrs. F. F. McCrea is spending the winter at Scottsdale, Arizona, and should you need some one for your Presbyterial meeting to assist you in the work, and to present the greeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, perhaps you could arrange for her to come.

I do not know how far Scottsdale may be from your place of meeting or what the expense would be, but feel sure that our Board would be able to assist somewhat in expenses if your society cannot meet the expense from your contingent fund. If we can be of any service to you in planning your work, do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mar. 24, 1906.

Mrs. Louise Groh,

1311 E. Spring Street,

New albany, Ind.

My dear Mrs. Groh:-

Your request for information in regard to the Utah work has been received, and I write to say that you can get no better information anywhere than in the October number of the Home Mission Monthly. We have in all in Utah thirty schools, twenty seven of which are day schools and four academies. The four academies are: The Collegiate Institute at Salt Lake City, Wasatch Academy at Mt. Pleasant; Hungerford Academy at Springville and New Jersey Academy at Logan, Utah.

The day schools are many of them not very large because the opposition to the seating in the Senate of Senator Smoot has raised opposition against our work, and there is nowhere where our teachers need more to be prayed for than in Utah. If you have your files of the Home Mission Monthly, I refer you to the articles by Mrs. James last year on the closed schools. We will also enclose you a copy of the Map Talk of the Mormon field which will give you some information about this work.

It will be necessary for you to write to the Freedmen Board for information about Mary Holmes Seminary and the work under the Freedmen.

Hoping I have given you the information you want, I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. C.

Dictated.

New York, March 28, 1905.

Mrs. J. P. Tracy,

134 East 39th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Tracy:-

The teachers' home at Greasy Cove, Tenn., was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. Everything that the teachers owned was burned, and they are left destitute as far as clothing is concerned. At the meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday, the question of doing something for them was brought up, and it was voted to refer the matter to the Mountaineer Committee, to see if they could raise some money for these teachers, as they have lost everything, and to see if some clothing could not be secured for them. What do you think you can do about it? We shall be so glad if at least fifty dollars can be raised for each teacher, and as you have a large committee, perhaps each one can solicit some funds for this object. We missed you at the meeting yesterday.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York, March 28, 1906.

Rev. Henry F. Weber, Ph. D.,

Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Weber:-

The Women's Board of Home Missions is desirous of issuing a few leaflets in German, and Mr. K. Stadelmann, one of the students in your seminary, has applied to us for the work of doing this translation. The first leaflet we will issue in the German language will be "What and When," a copy of which is enclosed. Will you kindly let us know if you think this gentleman will be competent to do such simple translation as this will require? Of course, we want the work well done, and are willing to pay a moderate compensation for it. An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 28, 1906.

Young Women's Christian Association,

Y East 15th St., New York City.

Dear Friends:-

We are in need of another stenographer and would be glad if you could send us some one. We would like to secure some one for $40.00 per month for six months, after which the salary would be $45.00 per month, but must insist that she come for a week on trial, at ten dollars per week. We would like a Christian young woman, preferably a Presbyterian. Kindly let us know whether you have anybody available for this position, and oblige,

Yours truly,

C. L. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1906.

Rev. W. H. Roberts, D. D.,

Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Roberts:-

I write on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions in reference to the prayer meeting on Sunday afternoon in connection with General Assembly. We hope that, as usual, the place will be held for us, and that the meeting may be listed as a part of the program of General Assembly.

Very respectfully yours,

C. L. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, March 30, 1908.

Miss Melissa Montgomery,

Concord, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Montgomery:-

There will be no expense attached to the Laura Sunderland leaflets, and we shall be glad to furnish you with as many as you want. They are a good advertisement for the work.

I should be delighted to visit Concord some time and hope it may be my privilege before long, but we here at the office can never tell when we can get away.

It is probable that the successor to Mr. John Willis Baer will be chosen before very long, and if you do not need your paper at once, it would be advisable that you wait. The matter will probably be settled by General Assembly. As Mr. Baer retires from the office June 1st, in any event his name ought not to appear.

Rev. R. M. Craig has been elected the successor to Dr. McAfee, so his name ought to appear on your letter head as Superintendent of School Work.

The outlook for the close of the fiscal year is good, and our receipts will be larger than any year before in our history. We feel we have much to praise God for.

With love to all the workers, I am,
Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, March 30, 1906.

Ladies' Home Journal,

Curtis Publishing Co.,

Arch St., Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Sirs:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church I desire to thank you for the space given us in the December number of "The Ladies' Home Journal" for an appeal for towels for our boarding schools.

In response to the appeal we received fifteen hundred towels, and about two hundred twenty-five yards of crash. The towels were, many of them, of good quality, and will be very useful, as we have in all about twenty-five boarding schools, and it requires a great many. We thank you very much for this opportunity of presenting the work before the many readers of "The Ladies' Home Journal."

On behalf of the Woman's Board,

C. C. Dobbs,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

We are to have "What and When" translated into German for use in our German societies. We have found a young man to do the translating, but as the book will hardly be issued before the first of May, it seems to us it would be better to have the topics for next year and issue the book from April 1st to April 1st. I presume you will have charge of the topics as usual. Can you not arrange it so that in another week's time, by conferring, you will have some idea of what will be required, so that we may go on with the translating, as we would like to have this book ready for General Assembly? Let us know about it please.

Yours with love,

Ellen A Bowle

Dictated.

New York, April 13, 1906.

Mrs. Robert Tait,

561 Mt. Hope Ave.,

Rochester, New York.

Dear Mrs. Tait:-

I am very glad to answer your questions for your catechism now being prepared by your Young Woman's Missionary Society, and regret that the preparation of my annual report and absence from the office, attending presbyterial meetings, have prevented my sending you a reply sooner.

Question 1. A Committee on Domestic Missions was appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1802; in 1816 this became the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

Question 2. The specific work of the Board of Home Missions is the planting of new churches and assisting in the support of churches who are unable to maintain the preaching of the Gospel without this aid.

Authority was granted for the organization of the women of the church to raise funds for the support of schools among the exceptional people in 1877. In 1878 the Woman's Executive Committee for Home Missions was organized with this specific end in view. In 1896 it became the Woman's Board of Home Missions, so that while the Board of Home Missions is the Assembly's Board, yet the work of

the Board consists of two parts, their work for evangelization and the school work, which is under the Woman's Board.

Question 3. This question is really answered under question two.

Question 4. The work of the Freedmen's Board, which is one of the Boards of the Church, with headquarters at 104 Sixth St., Pittsburgh, Penna., is to assist in the preaching of the Gospel among the Freedmen of the South, and the maintenance of schools among them.

Question 5. Dr. Marcus Whitman, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, and Rev. James Hayes, the Nez Perce Indian, now Pastor of the First Church at Kamiah, Idaho.

I enclose some leaflets that will tell you something about these men.

Hoping that this answers your questions, and that you will send me a copy of your "Facts about Missions," I am,

Very cordially yours,

C. Morris.

Dictated. New York, April 16, 1908.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

Indianapolis, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. McCrea:-

The time of the General Assembly is near at hand and we are looking forward to meeting the synodical officers at the Annual meeting.

According to the action of last year, we will begin our sessions on Thursday afternoon and continue Friday, May 17th and 18th. These will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, corner Eighth and High Sts., Des Moines, Iowa. The usual meetings will follow, viz., the reception to missionaries on Saturday morning; the popular meeting in the Central Presbyterian Church, on Sunday afternoon, and the synodical conference on Tuesday afternoon.

You will rejoice to know that for the first time the receipts of the Woman's Board are about $500,000, a splendid advance over last year. About $70,000 of this amount is for the work of the Freedmen's Board.

You will note that we will not have as long a time for the conferences this year, but a longer time for our Annual meeting. On Tuesday afternoon important questions bearing on the work of the Woman's Board will be considered, and at the synodical roll call the

representatives of synodical societies will be called upon to tell what has contributed to their advance this year, and to tell of their most successful methods. This, as you know, is always a profitable meeting, and we hope you can be present.

Will you kindly let us know by April 23rd, if possible, whether you will represent your synodical society, and if you can not be with us, who will be your representative? We trust nothing may prevent your coming yourself.

Very cordially yours,

Elliott Bowles

Dictated. New York, April 20, 1906.

Mrs. J. M. Gelston,

336 South Division St.,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Gelston:-

Mrs. Cooper has sent me your letter in reference to the location of the "Mary E. James' School" in New Mexico. While for a time the matter of placing the school at Albuquerque rather than at Santa Fe was under consideration, because the people of Santa Fe thought they were unable to provide the site that had been decided upon, I am glad to be able to say that a final decision has been reached, and the school will be located at Santa Fe as originally planned.

A good deal of excitment has been aroused by the proposed change of location, and under such circumstances it very often happens that unjust charges are made. It has been true in this case, the charge being made that it would be a misappropriation of funds to place the school at Albuquerque. This is exceedingly unjust, inasmuch as the money for the "Mary E. James' School" was given as a testimonial to Mrs. James, and while a few may have thought of the location as a part of the general plan, the sincere desire on the part of the women of the Church was to honor the great

woman who, for twenty-one years, has led the women of the Presbyterian Church in their work for Home Missions, and at the same time make it possible for the boys and girls in New Mexico to be educated together and so make possible the starting of Christian homes. All of this would have been accomplished by placing the school at Albuquerque, but no such change would have been finally decided upon without the approval of the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board, at which there would have been representatives from nearly all our synodical societies - the societies which were responsible for raising the funds. Naturally, the people of Santa Fe did not want the school to go to Albuquerque, but the matter is now settled beyond a doubt and the school will be placed where it was orginally planned.

The return to this plan was not made because we felt there would have been any misappropriation of funds, but because the Santa Fe people met the conditions.

Of course, I can not in a letter of this length enter into the full details of all the questions that led to the change, but I can assure you that the women here always endeavor to guard the interests of its constituency and to so administer the affairs of our organization that they will meet the approval of the "Presbyterian conscience."

Sincerely yours,

Ella W. [illegible],

Dictated. New York, April 23, 1906.

Mrs. N. E. Murtha,

Avondale, Colorado.

My dear Mrs. Murtha:-

In reply to your question (1) "What constitutes a missionary local?" would say we do not use the word "local" in connection with missionary societies, usually preferring to call our societies auxiliaries, because they are auxiliary to the presbyterial society. All that is necessary is to gather together the women of the church who are willing to have a part in the missionary work, adopt a simple form of constitution, and your auxiliary is ready for work.

(2) "What constitutes a member of a woman's society?" The conditions of membership of missionary societies in different places differ. Some have a membership fee of from fifty cents to a dollar per year, and then take an offering at their regular meetings. By far the better plan is to have the envelopes for each month and ask each woman in the church to take a package of these envelopes and contribute what she can each month for the work. In this way you can count every member of the church a member of the missionary society, if she is willing to contribute a little toward the work.

(3)"What constitutes a member of Y. P. S. C. E. or Jr. societies? Is there a money basis in them?" There is not usually a money basis in the Y. P. S. C. E. or Junior Societies, but the members do take the pledge, however, of these organizations, and they are urged to give something toward the missionary work.

(4) "What constitutes a contributing member?" The word "contributing" is used when the number of members differe from the members of the church. Sometimes societies consider every woman in the church a member of the missionary society whether she gives anything or not, so that the word contributing means those who give for the work.

We are glad of the prayers and sympathy of all Christian people for this missionary work and feel sure that if they begin to pray for and study the cause, it will not be long before they will want to share in the giving.

Sincerely yours,

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Dictated. New York, April 26, 1906.

Mrs. E. M. Newell,

708 Chamberlin Ave.,

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Newell:-

We are very glad indeed to know that you are expecting to attend the Annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa. I am sure you will enjoy it, and we will enjoy meeting you.

In answer to question (1) in regard to the number of contributing members, will say that by this we mean the number of members who give to the support of Home Missions, no matter how small their gifts may be. The reason we put it in that way is because some societies count every member of the church a member of the society whether she gives anything or not, but we can hardly consider a woman a member who does not contribute something .

Question (2) in regard to number of contributing members, we want the members of the women's societies alone. The young women's societies are, of course, auxiliary to the Woman's Board, and we try to keep their membership separate.

In regard to the discrepancies between the reports given through the young people's secretary and to the Woman's Board, I hardly know what to say. These numbers are only for general in-

formation, and it is not like in the case of money that must be absolutely accurate, but we have to depend upon our women to give us just as accurate information as we can have, for we really would like to know just how many members there are in our missionary societies.

Question (3). We do want the number of copies of the Home Mission Monthly taken by young ladies' societies included with those taken by the ladies' societies.

If it is possible for us to get the time for a synodical conference with secretaries at Des Moines we will be glad to have one.

These are very busy days for us here at the office, with preparation for the Annual meeting and the close of the fiscal year, but we are also happy over the advance and that the prospects for a good meeting at Des Moines are very favorable.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1906.

Rev. D. Edward Evans,

Good Will, South Dakota.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

The fact that Mr. Craig is in Porto Rico will account for your not having received replies from him, but your letters have been answered by Mrs. Pingry.

We are very sorry you have lost Mr. Brown, for some of us felt he was just the right man for your place.

I am greatly pleased to learn of the plans in connection with your closing exercises at Good Will. As I wrote you yesterday, I expect to leave Des Moines on Tuesday evening and so will get to Sisseton on Wednesday evening. I am so glad I shall have an opportunity of meeting with the women's missionary society, and will be able to see a good deal of the Indian work. This will make it possible for me to start back by Tuesday morning at the latest.

Mr. J. Ernest McAfee of Parkville, Mo., was elected Secretary of the Board of Home Missions yesterday, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Willis Baer, but as he has not yet formally accepted, it would be well not to insert his name in your paper for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Craig has been made Superintendent of School Work, and his name will be inserted instead of Dr. McAfee's.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1906.

Mrs. Myron W. Crowell,

138 West Ave., 55, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Crowell:-

We all sympathize so much with the California people these days that it seems almost cruel to write a letter that will in any way ask for money. How we do long for a message from our dear women in San Francisco but, of course, no word as come as yet.

It is planned that the offering at the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board shall be for the work in California for which the California women have made themselves responsible. We do this because we know that even if none of our property suffered, yet the women of the synod will be in no position to give for the support of the work. We are also issuing an appeal for the next number of the Home Mission Monthly, asking all societies to make an offering at their next meeting for this work, that the California ladies may be relieved of their pledges so far as that work is concerned. It is probable they will be able to raise something, and that can go toward the work outside the synod. As I said before, it seems almost cruel to ask the dear women of the Synod to give something outside, but I am sure others will be ready to help and that we will be able to raise something at least for that work.

The matter of putting in gas and electricity was discussed at the meeting of the Woman's Board, and the outlay of $90 was authorized for the Spanish school at Los Angeles. It is very possible that you may have made provision for your share of this expense before this disaster. If not, let us know.

I will also write Riverside Presbyterial, which is the other presbyterial society responsible for the support of that work. I presume you all feel you can take no thought for anything except the relief of distress in your own State. May God's blessing rest upon all our women!

Thank you for your note received. We appreciate what you have to say about the women not sending in their blanks promptly, and even when they do send them they leave vacant columns. We must recognize the fact that all women's organizations have to do a great deal with training women in business methods, and we must be patient.

We are just issuing a new handbook for synodical and presbyterial officers, which we think will be very helpful in systematizing our work.

Again assuring you and all the dear women of California of our sincere sympathy in the midst of the awful calamity that has befallen San Francisco, I am,

Yours with love,

(illegible),

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1906.

Mr. K. Stadelman,

Box 215, Bloomfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Stadelman:

There has been delay about getting copy to you for the leaflet that we desire to have you translate. However, you can begin on it. I think you have a copy of the leaflet. We will want you to commence the book with the program for April, and I will send you the copy for January, February and March early in the week. April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December will remain as they are.

We would also like to have you translate the inside of the leaflet enclosed, giving the work of the Woman's Board and the receipts. This will go into the leaflet "What and When."

Can you tell us of a good printer whom we could get to set this in type? We would prefer to have the English letters used, and will want you to correct the proof. I think you understand what we want, but if you do not understand, come in and see us or write again.

Sincerely yours,

Ella C. Burke

Secretary

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1906.

Mr. Louis H. Severance,

Waldorf-Astoria, New York City.

Dear Mr. Severance:-

When at Wooster last spring you told me that if we ever had any more trouble with the Board of Publication in reference to Bibles for such of our pupils as learned the catechism, to let you know. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Dr. Henry, in which you will note that he says, "formal action has been taken by which students of mission day schools are excluded from participation in this offer," and that they have sent a bill for the Bibles. Can you do anything to bring about a change in the attitude of the Board? You see they have discriminated against the mission schools, while technically they may say their offer is to Sunday schools, all these pupils who learn the catechism are Sunday school scholars, although the application is made by the mission day teacher.

Another matter:- Are there any scholarships at Wooster available for the children of Home Missionaries? A daughter of the Rev. Theodore Lee, of Spanish Fork, Utah, is desirous of entering the Unversity as a student. The father and mother are poor; have had illness in the family, and there is a large family. It would be a great help to them if they could have a scholarship for this young lady, who is, I believe, about eighteen years of age. I have never

seen her, but saw her twin brother at Winona Lake, Indiana, last year. He has been attending the school there, and waited on the table at The Inn during General Assembly.

We hesitate to trouble you about these two matters, but know you are always ready to help every good cause.

I wish it might be my privilege to be at Commencement of Wooster again this year, but do rejoice in every advance that is being made there.

Very truly yours,

Edna C. Doole.

Dictated. New York, April 27, 1906.

Mrs. W. E. Honeyman,

Plainfield, New Jersey,

Dear Mrs. Honeyman:-

We thought you would be interested to know that we received a cablegram from Mr. Craig last night saying that a settlement had been effected and that Dr. Holmes was in full possession of the hospital. Thinking you might not be able to be in next week, we wanted you to know the news.

I can assure you that if we do not succeed in getting a copy of my report for you, it will not be our fault. We will send over to Mr. Willetts and see if they are not ready and send you one.

Yours with love,

Edna C. Doole.

Dictated. New York, May 1, 1906.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

226 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. James:-

Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Bainbridge's letter in reference to Dr. Hildreth. Dr. Holmes was very insistent that we should immediately seek for a successor, as she could not, in justice to her husband and her own work, remain very long at the head of the hospital. The matter of Dr. Hildreth's going ought to be decided within a week at least, as we ought to be able to say to him that we do not want him if there is no prospect of his being sent.

Another matter:- Mrs. Finks feels that she can not go to the Annual meeting, and here in the office the officers feel that if she does not go Miss Moore ought to go. We had hoped to save the expense of taking a stenographer with us, but you know there will be many things to look after in regard to the magazine, and there is very much work Miss Moore can attend to without much oversight. She knows the names of the missionaries, and has attended so many Annual meetings that she knows a great deal about the business to be attended to. Mrs. Finks says it will be all right for the Home Mission Monthly to bear half her expenses. Do you not think

it would be advantageous for Miss Moore to go? She ought to know at onoe, however, if she is going, so that she may get her clothes ready.

Miss. Birnie will avail herself of the offer of a stenographer while we are away, but without doubt Miss Lloyd can attend to her work, as Miss Petrie will also be away, and the work in the office is always light during the time of the Annual meeting.

I hope you may not get overtired at Philadelphia.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 5, 1906.

Miss Fannie C. Bonsack,

4054 Delmar Boulevard,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Miss Bonsack:-

I am very sorry to have failed to reply to your letter of inquiry about Big Pine. We have been exceedingly busy here in the office all the spring, and I have had a good deal of speaking outside, and the letter in some way must have been filed by mistake without a reply. This, of course, is not an excuse but it is simply an explanation. I hope you will pardon me and I will see that such an error does not occur again.

Big Pine is located nineteen miles from Marshall, N. C. It was my privilege to visit there on my trip to the South. We went from Marshall on horseback. It is a hard ride, though much easier to go on horseback than by wagon. The building is a combination chapel school house and teachers' home. The first floor contains two rooms, separated by folding doors, so that they can be thrown into one room when necessary. Upstairs there are six rooms for the teachers, and they keep house very comfortably.

Miss Lulu Darby was the teacher when I was there, and her mother lived with her. It was so lonely, however, that the mother has gone to live with another sister, and Miss Mattie Darby has been assigned as second teacher at Big Pine, so that the two sisters live there together and keep house.

They have preaching services about once a month, when the pastor from Little Pine comes over, the Rev. Hugh McCarroll. A wonderful change has been wrought in the community since the school was opened, for Miss Darby has been there from the beginning. When the school was first proposed it was a great novelty, for there had not been a public school in the community for twelve years, and when one old lady heard a school was to be opened she was greatly exercised about it and said, "Them Presbyterians are coming up here and the first thing you know we will have a king reigning over us." Later, however, the school was started, preaching services were held, and all went well for a time, until one Sunday the minister introduced the Apostles' Creed. Then, there was great excitement, and the people said, "Them Presbyterians are Catholics," and if there is anything the mountaineers hate more than anything else it is Catholicism. However, that matter is settled, and things are going on very well.

Miss Darby not only attends to her school work but does a great deal of visiting among the people, and has taught them a great deal about wood carving. The boys make napkin rings, paper knives and other little things out of rhododendron roots. She is a most excellent missionary, and while she may not have time to do a great deal of writing, yet it would be well for you to enter into correspondence with her.

Hoping that you will pardon my failure to write before, and thanking you for reminding me of it, I am,

Cordially yours,

E. A. Darby.

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1906.

Mrs. George C. Parker,
721 North Chestnut St.,
Scottdale, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Parker:-

Your list of books, the gift of your Presbyterial Society for one of our mission schools, has been received. You certainly have a nice collection.

If you could hold the books for a little while, we should by all means like you to do so, and then send them to Lawson, West Va. A very sad thing occurred there only last Friday night. The girls study from seven until 8.30 P. M., and went into the study room. Four of the little girls were sent up to bed. Just as study hour closed, the big lamp in the centre of the study hall fell, exploded, and before anything could be done the whole house was in flames. One of the teachers had her hair burned off, and her hands badly burned. One little girl upstairs was saved, the staircase was on fire; the other three were so sound asleep that they could not be wakened, although a ladder was put up to the window. The result was that they were burned to death. Everything was destroyed. We feel badly about the loss of the property, but a great deal worse about the loss of the three little girls.

The building is to be rebuilt, and we hope it can be done before school opens in the fall. I do not know any better place to send your books than there, but, of course, there is no place for them to be received at present. Could you have them stored some place until about the middle of September? If you prefer to send them some place else, and can not store them until that time, let me know and I will think of some place else where they would be gratefully received, but this is the nearest point to you. I will return the list of books because it will save you making out another list.

Very cordially yours,

C. H. Beck,

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1906.

Dr. Eva H. Field,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Field:-

I am obliged to make some changes in regard to the rooms desired for the Annual meeting. Mrs. Finks will not be present, but my stenographer, Miss M. Moore, will be. I would be very glad if you could assign her a room near my own, as it will save many steps, for we will need to confer very often in regard to the work to be done. She will have her typewriter. It will be well to locate her near the end of the hall, so that she will not disturb others, though she does not often write at night.

Mrs. M. L. Wilson will represent the colored work. She is one of the teacher in Albion Academy, Franklinton, N. C. I presume you will want to find entertainment for her in a home with colored people, though she is a very refined, cultured woman.

A good many missionaries have notifed us that they expect to be present. I will give you a list, though you may have the names of others. Miss Lydia A. Jays of Alaska; Miss S. B. Sutherland, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Miss Alice A. Blake, Trementina, New Mexico; Miss Harriet Elliott, Franklin, Idaho; Miss Maggie Fleming,

Las Vegas, New Mexico; Miss Emma Hicks, Anadarko, Okla. Ter.; Miss Amelia J. Frost, who will come from Crete, Nebraska; Miss E. P. Freece, who will probably come from Erie, Penna., and Miss Bertha A. Little, Jewett, New Mexico, and Mrs. E. C. Heizer, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter., both of whom have friends in Des Moines and will not require entertainment.

Without doubt you have heard from all, or nearly all, the synodical representatives who will be present. I will send each one who has notified me a postal saying that the hotel has been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington.

It may not be necessary to write you again, but if it is I will do so.

Very cordially yours,

C. C. Poole,

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Dictated. New York, May 5, 1906.

Miss Leila B. Allen,

840 North Broad St.,

Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Allen:-

We understand that you are not going to the Annual meeting at Des Moines but, of course, you will want "Over Sea and Land" presented. Will you not prepare a paper covering about five minutes in length, in which may be the facts that ought to be presented in a plea for "Over Sea and Land."

Have you any one to suggest to present the plea for the paper? If you have not, we will try to secure some one for you, but it will be necessary for her to have a resume of your plans and the outlook, so that she may have material to work up a talk. Let me have this as soon as you can.

We are sorry you are not going to Des Mones.

Yours with love,

(Clara C. Brooks)

Dictated.

New York, May 7, 1906.

Miss Sue B. Scott, Rec. Sec.

Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Miss Scott:-

Mrs. Janes has placed you upon the program for the Annual meeting to read the Scriptures on the morning of Friday, May 18th. Make your own selection, only do not let it be too long, as the Scripture reading will be preceded by a devotional meeting of a half hour in length.

The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, and all who have made application for board at The Victoria will be assigned to The Wellington.

Anticipating with pleasure meeting you at Des Moines, and hoping that our meeting may be a very pleasant and profitable one, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Doole.

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. C. P. Noyes, Lyn. Ore.

89 Virginia Ave.,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Noyes:-

The program for the Annual meeting is about completed, and Mrs. James has placed you upon it to lead the prayer meeting on Friday morning, May 18th, from 9 to 9.30 o'clock. This is what the name implies, a real prayer service with which we begin the session of the day. The ladies of the Foreign Board will unite with us, and it will be held in the Convention Church.

The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, and I wrote some time ago for a room to be reserved for you.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you again, and hoping that the meeting may be a very profitable one, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen M. Stone.

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,

415 Chestnut St., Erie, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Diefenderfer:-

The program for the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board is about completed, and I am writing to say that we have put you upon the program to make a little plea, not to exceed seven minutes in length, for the Summer Offering. We enclose a copy of the leaflet that has been prepared in regard to the work at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, but if you could make your talk more in line with a plea for a summer offering being made in every society, and then with a special plea for the one at Mayaguez, it seems to us it would be very practical.

The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, but as Dr. Field as assigned to The Wellington all who have applied for board at The Victoria, we hope there will be no confusion in the matter.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you at Des Moines, I wam,

Yours with love,

Ella C. Doole,

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley, New York Synodical Pres

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

The program for the Annual meeting is about completed, and we have put your name upon it to make the opening prayer on Thursday afternoon, May 17th.

I was glad to know that Dr. Yeisley was to be a Commissioner. The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Field writes me that she has assigned all the Commissioners who have their wives with them at The Wellington, and presume you and Dr. Yeisley will be there.

Anticipating with pleasure meeting you again, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen C. Cook,

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. A. G. Beebe,

Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

We have placed you upon the program of the Annual meeting to make the closing prayer on Friday morning, May 18th. We trust nothing may happen to prevent your being with us. Of course, what we want is a short prayer asking God's blessing upon the work. You will understand.

The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, but if you have written Dr. Field for board she will assign you to The Wellington, and we trust there may be no confusion because of the change.

I understand that you are a friend of Dr. S. A. Robinson, formerly of Staten Island, and probably know that his son, Rush, was buried a couple of weeks ago; he died of consumption in Virginia; he leaves a wife and two children.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Brook.

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Dr. Eva H. Field,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Field:-

I am in receipt of your letter this morning in which you say that six or seven rooms the I engaged have been reserved, and also one for Mrs. Noyes, as well as for Miss Fraser and Mrs. Palmer. I am a little worried as to what is to be done with the rest of our synodical workers. Enclosed is the list of all who have notified us that they are coming. They always expect to be assigned at the same hotel as the officers of the Woman's Board, and it is barely possible they may have written direct to The Victoria rather than to you. It would be a very great disappointment if, because of the change in the hotel, our synodical workers would be in a different place from the officers of the Board. Will you not look the matter up and see if any of these women have been assigned elsewhere?

Cordially yours,

Ellen Boole

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Sec. of Freedmen's Dept.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

The program for the Annual meeting is about completed, and we have entitled your talk "Leaves from a Field Secretary's Note-book." It will come on Thursday afternoon, May 17th, and while it seems a very little time to give you, there are so many places that must be heard from, that I presume fifteen minutes will be about your share of the time.

We expect to reach Des Moines on Wednesday morning, May 16th. The headquarters have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, and I have engaged a room for you there.

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you, and hoping that your strenuous year has not exhausted your vitality, I am,

Yours with love,

Celia A. Parker

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. A. S. Willoughby,

La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Dear Mrs. Willoughby:-

Mrs. James has placed you upon the program of the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board to make the opening prayer on Friday morning, May 18th. The session will open with a devotional exercise, followed by singing, Scripture and prayer. The idea of beginning in this way is that there may be a spiritual uplift to the Home Mission meeting of the day, and the prayer you are asked to offer is the closing part of the devotional exercises and immediately preceding the reports.

The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, but as those who made application for board at The Victoria have been assigned to The Wellington, we trust there may be no confusion about it.

Anticipating with pleasure meeting you at Des Moines.

I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 7, 1906.

Mrs. George V. Tilden, Synodical Pres.

124 South 19th St., Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mrs. Tilden:-

We are so glad that you are planning to attend the Annual meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, and have placed you upon the program to make the opening prayer on Friday afternoon, May 18th. The meeting begins at two o'clock.

We are all looking forward with great pleasure to this meeting, and are so rejoiced at the splendid advance along every line.

With pleasant anticipations of meeting you again, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Exec. Sec'y Board.

P.S. The headquarters of the Woman's Board have been changed from The Victoria to The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, but as Dr. Field has assigned to The Wellington all who applied for board at The Victoria, we hope there may be no confusion.

Dictated. New York, May 8, 1906.

Miss Edith Hughes, Field Sec'y

Burrton, Kansas.

Dear Miss Hughes:-

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that at the meeting of the Woman's Board to-day you were elected Field Secretary for the Southwest, at a salary of $60.00 per month during the time you will be in the field. We hope to keep you busy ten months in the year.

We would like to have you come to Des Moines for the Annual meeting, as Miss Fraser and Mrs. Palmer will be there, and you will get many suggestions for the work from them. I know this is very short notice to give you, but whatever engagements you may have, covering the time from May 17th to 22nd, you would better cancel, and go back there again.

Our headquarters will be at The Wellington, Fifth and Grand Sts., Des Moines, Iowa, and we will have a room reserved for you.

We hope this letter will reach you promptly and that you can be on hand for the meeting.

Congratulating you upon the appointment, and anticipating meeting you at Des Moines, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella C. Doole.

New York, May 8, 1906.

Dictated.

Dr. Eva H. Field,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Field:-

Kindly reserve a room for Miss Edith Hughes, our newly elected Field Secretary for the Southwest.

I find that we ought to have badges for our Field Secretaries. There will be three of them, and while you are having badges printed, will you kindly have three made, having at the top Women's Board of Home Missions, and then Field Secretary down below? If this is more than you expected to get, I will become personally responsible for paying for them.

Very cordially yours,

Ella C. Doole.

Dictated. New York, May 1?, 1906.

Mrs. C. W. Coleman,

75 Winona Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

Enclosed is a copy of the program for the annual meeting of the Woman's Board. You will see from it that you are upon the program to lead the devotional exercises on Thursday afternoon, and also to give a few words of greeting to the Annual meeting.

The President of the Synodical Society is, ex-officio a Vice president of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and so a delegate to the Annual meeting.

In the matter of paying expenses of delegates to the Annual meeting:- Of course, I do not know what arrangements Iowa makes in regard to the matter, as the synodical societies differ in this respect. However, as Syrodical President you ought to be present at the meeting, and we hope nothing may prevent your coming. In some of the Synodical Societies I know they take turns in having the synodical officers attend the Annual meeting of the Woman's Board.

As I wrote you before, we expect to reach Des Moines on Wednesday morning, and so will be there a whole day before the meeting begins. Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella C. Cook

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1906.

Mrs. A. G. Beebe,

692 Monroe St., Chicago, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Beebe:-

I wrote Mrs. Adams two or three days ago that Mrs. James and I would arrange to leave New York on Monday morning, at ten o'clock, due in Chicago at 10.22 o'clock Tuesday morning, Wabash depot. We are planning to come at this time so that we may attend your meeting on Tuesday, the 15th. I hope somebody may be at the train to meet us, as this will save time in getting to the rooms. We know that your ladies will all count it a privilege to have this opportunity of meeting Mrs. James, and hope you will circulate the word as largely as you can, that there may be a fairly good attendance.

It is probable that we will leave for Des Moines that same night at ten o'clock, over the Rock Island road, but it will give us an opportunity to visit the Hay Street Mission, and hold any conference with your people that you may want to hold. It is quite essential that we be in Des Moines on Wednesday morning, so that we can not wait for the official train.

As Mrs. Gildersleeve is away attending a meeting, I have also your request for a speaker for your June quarterly, in which you state that the meeting will be held on June 11th. We do not know of any one now who will be available for a meeting on that date, but perhaps, as you will be at the Annual meeting, you will be able to find some one there who can stop for your meeting. All of our party will have returned to New York before that date, but am sure there will be some one in that part of the country who may be returning at that time. If we learn of anybody we will let you know.

These are all such busy days that letters must be hurriedly written, but I am sure you will understand.

Anticipating with pleasure seeing you on Tuesday, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Dodge.

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1908.

Mrs. C. S. Stevenson,

Mount Pleasant, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Stevenson:-

The apportionments for next year have not yet been made out, as we are still deep in the rush of closing of the work of last year and preparing for the Annual meeting, which convenes at Des Moines next week.

The general plan, however, is to make no changes in the apportionments, unless there is some special reason for it. Redstone Presbyterial was apportioned $225 for Albuquerque and $200 for the building and repair fund for Mayaguez, Porto Rico. This, of course, in addition to your pledged work. We will need the $225 for Albuquerque again this year, and as only a part of the building fund for Mayaguez is in, we will be very glad if the ladies of your presbyterial society will contribute $200 again for this fund. This is, also, to be for the summer offering, and will you not push it and if possible get a little more than you did last year?

The plan now is to apportion something also for the work of evangelization to each presbyterial society, but I can not now say how much will be the share for Redstone Presbyterial. We have pledged ourselves for $20,000 for evangelization this coming year, and we ought to raise it all. The only way we can do it is to

have each presbyterial society raise a definite amount, and as there are about two hundred presbyterials this means that the average of the presbyterial societies will be about $100. Could your society assume this?

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Steel.

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1906.

Miss Lucretia C. Miller,

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Miss Miller:-

Your letter received, and I am always glad to hear from our workers on the field.

Evidently there is a good deal more talk about moving Henry Kendall College in Muskogee than there is here in the office, and we know of no plan to make any change for the coming year in the location of the school, and am sure if it were seriously contemplated the information would be known here.

I wish I might see Muskogee in the spring before things are dried up, for your situation is so beautiful that it must be very pretty.

We are so deep in our plans for the Annual meeting that I haven't time to write you a long letter, but I think of you often and pray that God will bless your efforts.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1906.

Mrs. W. E. Allen,

Elm Grove, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Allen:-

By this time you know all about the awful fire at Lawson, West Va., where the building was totally destroyed and three little girls were burned to death. It is one of the worst things that has happened in our work. The building was insured for $2,500 and the furniture for $500, but in order to erect the building that we ought to have there we ought to raise at least $5,000. Can Wheeling Presbyterial do anything to help? Of course, the work is in West Virginia, and we will try to get some money outside, but your ladies will take a greater interest in the work there if they have a part in rebuilding. I wish we might secure enough money to put up a brick building, for there will always be more or less fear of fire after this. Will you present this matter to your presbyterial society and see whether they would like to have their building and repair fund credited to Lawson? We will be glad to arrange it so, but the money ought to be collected at once, as it would be a very serious injury to the school if the building were not ready for occupancy by the first of October.

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1906.

Mrs. Mabel Mason,

Bancroft, South Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Mason:-

Your letter to Mrs. Finks, asking questions in regard to the organizations under the Woman's Board, has been received, and I am very glad to answer them.

We always try to send a word of greeting to all new societies, telling who their presbyterial treasurer is, but in some way we have failed to receive your name.

Our societies are first the auxiliary, formed in the local churches, then the presbyterial societies, formed of all the auxiliary societies, then the synodical society, formed of all the presbyterial societies in the synod, and the synodical societies combined form the Woman's Board, with headquarters in New York City.

As you are located in Central Dakota Presbyterial, your officers are as follows:- President, Mrs. C. H. French, Huron, South Dakota; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. P. J. Hegeman, Brookings, South Dakota.

Can you not find out where your minister sent your quarterly offering for Home Missions? He probably sent it to the Board of Home Missions, in which event it did not reach the Woman's Board treasury, but it was probably credited to the church collec-

Dictated. New York, May 11, 1906.

Mrs. Charles Hodge,

401 West Price St.,

Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Hodge:-

We have learned of the conference in Philadelphia in regard to your work among foreign-speaking people, and something of the complications that have arisen. Of course, we are always sorry when such complications do arise, and are wondering if the matter could not be better adjusted if the work among the foreigners in Philadelphia were placed on exactly the same basis as the work in the other fields under the Woman's Board.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Woman's Board some time ago in regard to the conduct of our foreign work. You see we want to put it all on the same basis as the work in the other fields.

We understand that Presbytery has said that the work done within the bounds of Philadelphia Presbyterial must be under the auspices of the Philadelphia women, while it looks to us as if Presbytery did not have the right to make such a ruling as that, still would it not adjust matters better all around if your ladies

continued to raise the money for the support of that work; that money was remitted here, and the teachers commissioned from here, and the work carried on along the regular lines under the Woman's Board. Let us know what you think about it.

Although we leave for the Annual meeting on Monday, yet Mrs. Gildersleeve and Mrs. Pingry will be here, and any definite action would be referred here.

Yours with love,

Ella C. Woods.

Dictated. New York, May 10, 1906.

Rev. Samuel McLanahan,

Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. McLanahan:-

Your letter to Dr. Thompson, asking for information in regard to work among foreigners in New Jersey, has been received and referred to me.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, 28 Hillside Ave., Englewood, N. J., is the chairman of our committee on work among foreign-speaking people, and the New Jersey Synodical Society hopes to be able to raise the money next year for one or two workers among the foreign-speaking people in New Jersey. Mrs. Bennett will, without doubt, be glad to have you present the needs of this kind of work, and especially the locations where you think these workers would be the most helpful.

Cordially yours,

Edward A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, June 4, 1906.

Mrs. M. Acker,

19 Center St.,

Hornell, New York.

Dear Mrs. Acker:-

My train reached New York on time Friday morning and I can assure you that I was very glad to get home after my three weeks' absence, and received a hearty welcome from my family. Four consecutive nights in a sleeping car are not conducive to make one feel rested, but after a day at home I was ready to come back in the office Saturday morning. When one is gone for three weeks it really seems that if were almost impossible to get caught up with the work, though we do in some way.

Miss Lincoln returned this morning, so we are all back and ready for work. Mrs. James is in the office to-day and just as busy as any of us, full of work in regard to the expulsion of Senator Smoot. If you can bring any influence to bear upon any member of the United States Senate that will cause him to vote for the expulsion of Senator Smoot, or rather to vote in accordance with the evidence which shows, conclusively, that Senator Smoot is a representative of the Mormon hiearchary, which is opposed to the best interests of the United States government, I wish you would use it.

Too bad that the New York representatives in the United States Senate are too feeble to count in this fight, though I believe Senator Platt does go to the Senate Chamber nearly every day. Can't you get your good husband to help? The time is very short, as the matter will be brought before the Senate on Friday of this week.

If Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf are still with you, give them my love.

I will look into the matter of Marguerite at once. We have to-day received notice of the Commencement at Asheville. The closing exercises are to be held June 12th. Lest you may not receive an invitation, I enclose one.

With kind regards to Mr. Acker, I am,

Yours with love,

Edna C. Abbot.

[illegible] New York, June 4, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Evans,

Good Will, South Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Evans:-

At last we are all back in the office after our various tours following the Annual Meeting. I hope you reached Good Will safely before it was dark. I took things very easily at Milbank, going to the hotel for my supper, taking a room and going to bed. My train left about half past twelve but reached Minnespolis on time. Mrs. Pomeroy's daughter met me at the train, and I went up to her home. Dear Mrs. Pomeroy gave me a very hearty welcome, though she is very frail herself. We had a delightful visit; some of the officers of the society had been invited to meet at half past ten, so we had a meeting there, then I went over to the Country Club with Mrs. Noyes for luncheon. She had invited the presbyterial president to meet me there, and then a meeting at her house in the afternoon, at which about seventy-five ladies were present. My train left at 8.45 P. M., so you can readily see last Tuesday was not a day of rest.

Thursday night found me at Hornell, N. Y., where I was to address a meeting, but took the half past ten train and reached New York the following morning. After four consecutive nights on the

sleeping car I felt obliged to take a day for rest, but came into the office on Saturday morning. Miss Lincoln came back this morning. My sun burn resulted in a good case of "peel off," so that my face is covered with "new skin." I trust that you escaped that part of the performance.

The weather here is delightful, and you will be glad to know that I was able to fix my dress so that no one would have known it had been torn.

Tell Mr. Evans we have not yet had time to take up the matters at Good Will in a conference, but will endeavor to do so within a few days.

With very kind regards to Mr. Evans, I am,

Yours with love,

Edna C. Bond,

Dictated. New York, June 4, 1906.

Mrs. W. W. Hale,

847 Eighteenth St.,

Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Hale:-

At last we are all back in the office after our sojourn at the General Assembly and our visits to the various schools. While the weather was very bad all during my stay at Good Will, I had a most delightful visit and enjoyed greatly the closing exercises of the school. Fortunately, Sunday proved a pleasant day, and we rode ten miles to a meeting of Presbytery, and I addressed the presbyterial society in the afternoon. An Indian woman presided and read the Scripture in Dakota.

We all feel that our meeting at Des Moines was one of the very best we have ever had. The arrangements at the church and for our general welfare were so well organized that everything passed off perfectly smooth.

The hotel accommodations were not at all satisfactory, but we do not hold you responsible for that. The hospitality committee evidently did not realize that the meeting of the Woman's

Board was a very important occasion, and that the officers of the Board ought to have had some consideration in the assignment of rooms. Full details were sent long enough in advance. However, we will forget all about that and remember only the pleasant things in connection with our meetings.

I hope you are rested from the extra tasks devolving upon you. I was so sorry I could not go out to your home, but you understand that it was impossible for me to get away. I hope sometime we may have the pleasure of welcoming you here at the office.

With love and hearty appreciation of all you did to make our stay pleasant and profitable, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Grace A. Dow.

Dictated. New York, June 4, 1906.

Rev. John Balcom Shaw, D. D.,

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Shaw:-

May the Woman's Board ask a favor of you? You know that we now have a missionary at Ellis Island, Mrs. Riha, who meets the steamers and is ready to do the kind of missionary work that a Christian woman can do among the great numbers of immigrants who are constantly arriving. She is very much interested in a case now, and if you can help in this matter we will be greatly obliged.

A man and his two children, a girl of sixteen and a boy of ten, arrived on the Kaiserin Victoria, June 20th. The man's name is Joseph Kreilek. His wife has been in this country for three months, and is living in Chicago with his sister, Mrs. Zophie Trnka, 572 Centre Ave., Chicago, Illinois. In order that the man and the two children may be admitted, because the man is not in first class health, the friends must give bond that he will not become a public charge. Commissioner Watchorn says that if some minister will go to the Federal Building, in Chicago, and inquire for Chief Inspector Major Burst, he will tell the nature of the bond, how much it is, and in what form it must be made up. It will then be necessary to look up this family, at 572 Centre Ave., and find out whether

they are able to give bond, and whether they can take care of the man in the event that his illness should prove permanent. The man will be deported, and the children also, if this bond is not furnished. This must be made very clear to them.

I know what a busy man you are and hesitate to ask this favor of you, but you are still interested in New York and will understand conditions here better than some one who has not been here. You can probably delegate the matter to some one else, if you can not attend to it yourself.

The family are Bohemians, and it is probable that the sister can understand English, as she has been in this country for some time. Any information you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated. As these people have already been here two weeks, the matter must be adjusted very speedily otherwise they will be sent back, so I am sure you will appreciate the need of having some one go at once to the Federal Building. The name of the wife is Teresie Kreilek. I think I have given you all the facts that it will be necessary for you to have.

We are all back from General Assembly. Our meetings were very profitable, so we feel encouraged to take up the work of another year.

Mrs. James sends her heartiest greetings, and has very pleasant memories of your hospitality while she was in Chicago.

With kind regards to Mrs. Shaw and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edna G. Bock

Dictated. New York, June 6, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

At the Annual meeting it was decided that the names of the three Field Secretaries were to be printed on the cover of the Home Mission Monthly, below the officers of the Woman's Board, in the following order: Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Field Secretary for the Northwest; Miss Julia Fraser, Field Secretary for the Pacific Coast, and Miss Edith Hughes, Field Secretary for the Southwest.

Mrs. Palmer expects to make her headquarters at St. Paul, Minn; I do not think Miss Fraser can name a place where her headquarters will be at present, as the building where California had its headquarters was destroyed, so perhaps it would be as well for the present to omit their post office addresses.

In my plan of work this fall; that is, for the September number of the magazine, I will call attention to the location of each of these Field Secretaries, so that you would hardly consider it necessary to put the post office address in with the official list. It will be very helpful to them to be listed on the cover of the magazine, as sometimes ministers rather doubt their official connection with the work because they are not there.

I mailed my proof to you last night from home, as it was absolutely impossible for me to get time to correct it here in the office. These days have been exceedingly busy, with little chance of getting caught up.

Yours with love,

Ecca A. Poole,

Dictated. New York, June 6, 1905.

Mr. George H. L. Morton,

Secretary of Forward Movement,

Presbyterian Church, Westfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Morton:-

Through Mr. Craig we are in receipt of a letter signifying the desire of your church to undertake the support of a mission teacher under the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the coming year, at a salary of $500.00. We greatly appreciate this offer, and I desire to express to you the thanks of the Woman's Board.

You will be notified very shortly as to who your teacher may be, that you may be put in correspondence with her and have a personal touch with the work being done on the field. We appreciate greatly the fact that you have placed the educational work on your list as a part of the work of your "Forward Movement," and trust your people may be as much blessed in giving as those on the field will be in receiving.

Again thanking you, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Ecca A. Poole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 7, 1906.

Mr. Joseph Ernest McAfee,

Parkville, Missouri.

Dear Mr. McAfee:-

I may seem a little diliatory in sending you a welcome from the Woman's Board of Home Missions to the position of Associate Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, but the welcome is none the less hearty, even though the preparations for the Annual Meeting prevented it from coming earlier.

We rejoice at the opportunity for service given you in being elected to the position, and congratulate the Board on having secured a young man so consecrated to the Master and so willing to throw himself into the work of the evangelization of America.

Please convey to Mrs. McAfee our best wishes, and we hope that when she comes to New York to live she will be willing to accept membership in the Woman's Board and share with us the responsibility of administering the gifts of the women of the Church.

Assuring you of a hearty welcome from our end of the hall, and praying that God will bless you and your good wife in this new field of labor, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 7, 1906.

Mrs. D. J. McMahon,

817 Considine Ave.,

Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. McMahon:-

I write on bahelf of the Woman's Board tp express our sincere sympathy in the loss sustained by Cincinnati Presbyterial in the death of Mrs. John Junkin Francis. She had for so long a time been President of Cincinnati Presbyterial, and vice-president of the Woman's Board that she will be greatly missed. Her fine executive ability, her devotion to the cause of Home Missions, and her loyalty to the Woman's Board rendered her especially helpful. We know that you will miss her. Please convey to the Presbyterial Society our sincere sympathy, and prayer that they may be able to choose the right one to take her place.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 7, 1906.

Mrs. Thomas A. Anderson,

Sistersville, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Anderson:-

We are all back from the Annual meeting, and glad to take up the many details that have been awaiting us.

We are delighted to know of the money that has been raised by Parkersburg Presbyterial, and hope to begin very soon to plan about the new building. Mr. Craig will go to Lawson the last of June and look over the field, and we hope the building may be erected this summer. If the money is available we shall certainly do so, because we do not want a single year to go by without the school. We greatly appreciate your zeal in the matter, and I feel quite sure your ladies will be willing to help, also, with the furnishings.

The Annual Meeting was a very excellent one, full of enthusiasm and thankfulness to God for the advance of the year. The longer time for the public meeting gave more time for the missionaries to tell of their work, and so was exceedingly satisfactory. Next year we go to Columbus, Ohio, and we hope you may be able to be with us.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 7, 1906.

Rev. B. P. Fullerton, D. D.,

St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Dr. Fullerton:-

Inasmuch as the union between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Church has been effected, we are desirous of learning the extent of the work done by the women's missionary societies, the character of their work, and to be put in touch with the officers of the organization. Will you kindly give us the addresses of these officers, and any other information you think may be helpful? Will it be expected that the work of the women's societies will be combined with the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church?

I noticed in St. Louis that the missionary women attended the conference and seemed greatly interested, but we desire to follow out their wishes, that the work may have the greatest possible success. Any information you can give us will be gratefully appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

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Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 12, 1906.

Hon. William S. McNary,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, we urge the speedy passage of a bill to so amend the immigration laws that the grave injustice and wrong now done by this nation to the people of China and the Chinese Exclusion Act may be remedied.

We believe that Chinese students, professional and business men of all kinds (exclusive of coolies) should be encouraged to come here, and should be treated on exactly the same basis as we treat similar classes from other nations. Any other treatment is in opposition to American policy and prejudicial to the best interest of both China and America.

Hoping that you will not only vote in favor of such amendment, but that you will urge others to do the same, we are,

Respectfully yours,

Mary E. Cam[illegible] President.

Mrs. Darwin R.

[illegible] Secretary.

tinue your name on the Porto Rican and Cuban Committee, but would it not be well if you sent in your resignation?

Hoping to see you again before you leave for California, and praying that you and Mr. Baer may be greatly blessed in your new work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella C. Doole,

Dictated. New York, June 13, 1906.

Mrs. Payson Merrill,

41 East 67th St., City.

Dear Mrs. Merrill:-

There is a standing rule of the Woman's Board whereby members of the Board who have been absent for three months have their names dropped from the membership of the Board. We know how busy a woman you are, because of your interest in the Foreign work, and as you have not been able to attend our meetings in a long time, I am writing at the request of Mrs. James to know whether you will be able to meet with us regularly this coming year. If not, I presume you will want your name dropped from the committee.

Regretting that you have been unable to be with us, and hoping you can do so in the future, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella C. Doole,

Dictated. New York, June 13, 1906.

Miss Florence Stephenson,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Miss Stephenson:-

Before this you have received the letter from Mrs. James telling you the Board had authorized calling the Little Girls' Home "The Pease Home," but presume it is as well to have the official notice in this form. At the meeting yesterday the erection of the building was authorized, and while I presume details of the building will be left entirely in your hands, when you have your plans ready it will be well for you to send them to Mr. Craig, that he may present them to the Building Committee for approval. We are all rejoiced that the gifts have come in so beautifully for "The Pease Home," and congratulate you upon the ready response to your carefully prepared appeal.

On the list of committees of the Woman's Board we have the name of Mrs. C. Lord on the Mountaineer Committee. The ladies tell me she resides at Biltmore, N. C. As she is unable to attend the meetings, and we have no communication from her, we wonder if there is any good reason why her name should be continued on the committee. Kindly advise us in this matter.

You probably know the young Porto Rican girl, Marguerite Ponce, who has been in the Normal and Collegiate Institute this year. Mrs. Acker, who is her fairy godmother, wonders what is to become of her during the summer vacation. I do not know whether girls remain at the Normal or not during vacation time, but if they do not, could arrangements be made whereby she can stay at the Home Industrial? We do not believe it would be advisable for her to spend the summer visiting, as we want to keep her under Christian influence, and the industrial work at the Home Industrial would be very profitable for her. I will write Mrs. Lawrence by this mail, and perhaps it would be well for you to say nothing about it but you could be thinking about it if you are approached upon the subject.

Yours with love,

Edna G. Brook

Dictated. New York, June 14, 1906.

Mrs. G. C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

I hope you reached home safely after the Annual Meeting. What a profitable meeting it was, and how full of enthusiasm and thankfulness to God for the advance of the year! We have all been exceedingly busy since our return getting caught up, and are now ready for the synodical letter, which we hope to send out in a week or two.

While we do not desire to dictate to you at all in the matter of the selection of a vice-president to take the place of Mrs. Crosby, inasmuch as during the absence of Mrs. James the responsibility for the work will be divided among the vice-presidents residing in the vicinity of New York, it would be exceedingly helpful if some one from New York City were made the vice-president in Mrs. Crosby's place.

Mrs. Gifford, as presbyterial president, is a valuable member of the Board, and is nearly always present at our meetings; but it might be you would think of some one else whom you ought to honor in connection with this position, and it is for you to decide and this is only a suggestion, but if some one is elected from New York City, or vicinity, it would give us another vice-president who could share in the responsibility for the work the coming year.

Mrs. James seems a great deal better since her return from Des Moines, and is just as busy as she can be. As she was telling us yesterday about all the things she is planning to do the coming week, and the weeks to come, I said that we need no longer worry about having her go away, for I was sure she would be so used up that she could not go. She certainly is a wonderful woman, but we do wish that she might spare herself a little, that she might be spared longer for the work.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 14, 1906.

Mrs. H. S. Little,

Denison, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Little:-

We were sorry that you could not be present with us at the Annual Meeting at Des Moines, Iowa. It was a splendid meeting, full of enthusiasm and thankfulness to God for the advance of the year.

I am glad to inform you that Miss Edith Hughes, of Burrton, Kansas, has been elected Field Secretary for the Southwest. This territory includes the Synods of Missouri, Texas, Indian Territory, Kansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. Miss Hughes is the daughter of a Home Missionary, a graduate of Park College, has been a teacher in the Mormon field, and for three years a speaker for the Woman's Board. We know that you will all love her and be ready to co-operate with her in the work to be done. She will be avilable for meetings within her territory throughout the year, and we think it would be a good plan for you to arrange for meetings for her in Texas. If you could make appointments for her for even three months, we could assign her to Texas for that length of time. I presume you could use her in the winter time, and use her to the best advantage by assign-

ing her to a presbyterial society for three or four weeks at a time. I am sure that her modest demeanor and consecration to God and the work will meet with the approval of all the women who come in touch with her.

We feel that the appointment of Field Secretaries has been a step in advance, and everywhere these workers have gone it has meant increased knowledge of the work, and so increased receipts for the work.

Very Cordially Yours

Ecc A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Miss A. Varden Bosch,

529 West Washington St.,

South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Miss Bosch:-

Your letter asking for literature in regard to our new work at Ellis Island at hand. The work there is so very new that we have nothing about the particular work our missionary, Mrs. Riha, is doing. We can send you a copy of leaflets on the work there, but they are general in their character.

Mrs. Riha is of Bohemian parentage, though she was born in this country; she speaks Bohemian, Polish and Slovak, and although there are twenty-seven missionaries at Ellis Island, she is the only one who speaks Bohemian. She meets the vessels containing immigrants of these classes, and is able to do many kindly acts which show a Christian welcome to this land of ours. She pays particular attention to the women and children, and there are many pathetic incidents in connection with her work there that show how helpful and necessary it is.

A short time ago two children were about to be deported. Their father was dead, their mother was living with an uncle in Minnesota. The inspector not being very familiar with Bohemian sent a telegram in the father's name to this town in Minnesota, but as the

uncle's name was different, the telegram was not received and in a few minutes the orders would have been issued for the deportation of the children. They cried constantly for twenty-four hours, but Mrs. Riha coming in soon got acquainted with them, learned the circumstances, went to the Commissioner and told him that the telegram had been sent to the wrong address and gave him the right one, and in less than five minutes the order was changed, and the next day the children started for their mother in Minnesota. This is only a single incident, but in every case she makes these little acts of kindness pave the way to a word about our religion.

Regretting that I can not give you more information, I am,

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Brown,

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Mrs. Henry Penn,

Box 22, Knoxville, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Penn:-

Your letter received and we will be glad to pass it on to Mrs. Finks, the Editor of the Home Mission Monthly, that she may see your request in regard to the list of stations and workers.

You ask about monuments for women among Home Missions. We have a number of schools and homes that have been erected as memorials to those who were interested in Home Mission work. Possibly three that are in existence to-day might be mentioned to show that the work of those engaged in Home Missions is appreciated.

The girls' school at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is called the Allison School in honor of Miss Matilida Allison who for nearly twenty years was its principal. The dormitory at Springville, Utah, is named Sarah F. Lincoln Hall, in honor of Miss Lincoln, who for more than seventeen years has served the Woman's Board as Treasurer. The academy at Springville is called the Hungerford Academy in honor of Mrs. Anna M. Hungerford. This is a memorial building.

The school at Anadarko, Okla. Ter., is called the Mary Gregory, and was erected as a memorial to a devoted Home Mission worker; but possibly the greatest testimonial we have throughout our work to women is the proposed new school for boys at Santa Fe,

New Mexico, to be known as the Mary E. James' School for Mexican boys. The building will cost from ten to fifteen thousand dollars, and the rest of the fifty thousand dollars that has been raised will be used as an endowment for the school.

I suppose if we were to take the time to go over the list of schools we would find many that have been named in honor of devoted workers, but these are the ones that come to my mind just now.

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Booke.

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Waid,

430 West 118th St., City

Dear Mrs. Waid:-

Mrs. J. Howard Hobbs, 25 Clinton St., Jamaica, New York, has been assigned as a member of the Mormon Committee. Mrs. Hobbs is a very bright woman, the wife of the Presbyterian minister at Jamaica, and President of Nassau Presbyterial Society. She is full of enthusiasm for Home Missions, and we hope you can give her something to do that will put her in personal touch with some of the workers on the field.

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Booke.

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Mrs. Dee F. Clarke,
Y. W. C. A. Building,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:-

On behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, we desire to send greetings to our sister Board of the Cumberland Church, and the assurance of our willingness to co-operate in every way in the work for the evangelization of America.

Thinking you might like to know something of our work, we are sending you a copy of our Historial Sketch and our Handbook for Synodical and Presbyterial Workers, and will place you on the exchange list of the Home Mission Monthly. We will be very greatly obliged if you will favor us with a copy of your last annual report, and of any other literature you think we might enjoy.

The next number of the Home Mission Monthly will contain our annual reports and an account of our Annual Meeting, which is always held at the same time and in the same place with the General Assembly. We publish no separate minutes, as our annual report is incorporated in the Report of the Board of Home Missions.

Should any of the members of your Board be in New York City, we will be glad to have them call at any time.

Again assuring you of our sincere desire to co-operate with you in every way, I am,

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Brooks,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Mrs. H. Lindeman,

2098 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Mrs. Lindeman:-

Mrs. K. P. Ketcham of Freeport, New York, has been assigned a member of the Indian Committee. Mrs. Ketcham is a very bright woman, the wife of the Presbyterian minister at Freeport. She is full of enthusiasm for Home Missions, and we hope you can give her something to do that will put her in personal touch with some of the workers on the field. She expects to be at the meeting on Tuesday.

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Brooks

Dictated. New York, June 15, 1906.

Mrs. J. Howard Hobbs,

Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Hobbs:-

We are very glad that you are willing to accept membership in the Woman's Board, and Mrs. James desires me to notify you that she has assigned you to the Mormon Committee, of which Mrs. D. E. Waid, 430 West 118th St., New York City, is chairman. I think Mrs. Waid is out of town for the summer, but we will notify her of your appointment. It is probable, however, that you will not be assigned to any work until fall.

The work is not very burdensome; it consists mainly in correspondence with teachers upon the field. I am sure you will enjoy working with Mrs. Waid, and we will be glad to have you with us as soon as you can come.

Regretting that you can not be here on Tuesday, I am,

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Booth,

Dictated. New York, June 16, 1906.

Mrs. R. G. McNiece,

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mrs. McNiece:-

At the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, after the matter had been very carefully discussed, some changes were made in the territory of the Field Secretaries, and I am glad to notify you that the Synods of Colorado and Utah were added to the territory of the Pacific Coast, with Miss Julia Fraser as Field Secretary. We do not need to introduce Miss Fraser to you, as last year she visited your field. She is so full of enthusiasm that the work is helped every place she goes.

The reason for making the change is that the territory of the Northwest, to which you belong, is so large that it would have been impossible for Mrs. Palmer to cover it in five years, and the result of a single year's trial of Field Secretaries show that they are exceedingly helpful, and their presence in a synod means increase in gifts.

The synodical letter, containing the apportionments for the year, will be ready very shortly, and while few changes will be made, we must all look forward to a slight advance.

Hoping that the coming year may be better even than last, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ellen C. Cook

Dictated. New York, June 21, 1906.

Mrs. D. S. Gregory,

82 North 18th St.,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Gregory:-

We are sending you a copy of The Introduction to Mrs. Birnie's book, in which she outlines the plan for Bible study, and a copy of the first five lessons. Of course, we except to go over the book before it is published and make some slight changes, but this will give you an idea of the work;she has prepared in all one hundred fifty-five lessons on the Life of Christ. They are in groups of four lessons and a review, covering thirty-one weeks of the school year. Of course, this allows for vacation days.

We trust you may find you can complete your work within the coming year, and I do not know of anything that you could do which would be more valuable in Home Mission work than making it possible for the teachers to so teach the Bible that the children will get a definite idea of God's plan for the redemption of men.

With love to all the family, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 21, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

At the joint conference yesterday some suggestions were made in regard to the topics for next year. Under the February topic for Indians, Dr. Thompson suggests that we add "The difficulties and the best method of work."

Under May, instead of "Future Possibilities," he suggests Needed Advance. For the August topic, "Our Workers," he suggests Duty to Workingman; The Demand; The Supply; Results; and this means, of course, that the Woman's Board must have a topic of its own for that month. What have you to suggest. For September, he suggests as the sub-topics, New Developments; Our Resources; Possible Results. There seemed to be no other way to arrange the August topic than to have a separate one for the Woman's Board.

I was sorry not to have been able to talk with you on Tuesday, but it was absolutely impossible.

I presume you have noted the error in my report, which gives the number of women's societies from which contributions were received as 448 when it should have been 4,218. Of course, everybody will know that that is wrong, but would it not be a good idea to

correct it editorially in the next number of the Home Mission Monthly. I find that one of the things our women are interested in knowing about is how many societies contribute to the work of the Woman's Board.

Yours with love,

Eva A. Blake.

Dictated. New York, June 21, 1906.

Miss Prudence Clark,

Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Clark:-

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday I was asked to express to you the sincere sympathy of our organization in the going home of your sister. May God bless and comfort you! One of the blessings that come to a Christian is the fact that she knows that the God of all comfort will be with her in her sorrow.

With sincere sympathy, I am,

Yours lovingly,

Dictated. New York, June 25, 1906.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1504 Fifth Ave., Oakland, Cali.

Dear Miss Fraser:-

Your long letter, outlining your plan of work, has been received and very carefully considered. We all appreciate the fact that each Field Secretary will put her own individulaity into the work, and no cast iron rules can be laid down as to just how she shall work.

We have every confidence in the women who have been elected to the positions of Field Secretaries, but of course in the conduct of the work they will want to work along the lines laid down by the Woman's Board, that we in the office and they on the field may work together.

A committee was appointed to outline the work of the Field Secretaries, and they outlined it by saying that their work was "to organize, to educate and to stimulate societies." There are 7,980 churches affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, and of these 4,218 contributed through the Woman's Board this past year. While we know that some of these churches which do not contribute are poor and, perhaps, unable to contribute, nevertheless there is a vast field yet to be conquered along the line of organization.

We have in the Woman's Board the most perfect plan of organization to be found anywhere: first, the auxiliary society, then the presbyterial, then the synodical, centering in the Woman's Board. The plan contemplates at the head of these societies women who will give special attention to the details of the work, and more and more we must place upon these women the responsibility for the organization.

The office of Field Secretary was created not that the Field Secretaries might do the work of synodical or presbyterial officers but that they might supplement their efforts. The field of each secretary is so large that it is manifestly impossible for her to cover it in a single year, and of course a share of the responsibility for stimulating societies is borne by the office and every part of the machinery of our organization. The special thought was that Field Secretaries should do what neither the office nor presbyterial or synodical officers could do.

We do not have many speakers who can present the Home work. In the Foreign Board they have a host of speakers. From one-seventh to one-ninth of their force is at home all the time on furlough, hence available for public work. It is not so with us, and this is one reason why the office of Field Secretary was created. It was the thought that these women could give their time to the public presentation of the work and, at the same time, help the officers in regard to methods, visiting where they could not go, and speaking when perhaps presbyterial or synodical officers were not gifted along that line. The public presentation of the work is im-

portant for the information given to the people, but when enthusiasm has been aroused by the public address, it is but fair that the people should be given an opportunity to contribute toward the expenses incident to such a meeting, or toward the work in which their interest has been aroused; but the main part of the public presentation is not so much the offering to be given that night but to stimulate interest in permanent pledges, in the shape of scholarships, teachers' salaries, etc. It is absolutely necessary that these be pledged, otherwise we will be at the mercy of spasmodic offerings.

We will this year urge everywhere systematic monthly contributions from every woman in the church. The Field Secretary should, also, urge loyalty to synodical apportionments and present special needs.

When the matter of the duties of Field Secretaries was discussed by the Women's Board, it was explicitly stated that they were to strengthen weak societies and not to give their time to those that were prosperous. Nevertheless, neither should be neglected, for we all learn from the prosperous societies how to help the weak.

Presbyterial officers will be helped by conferences at the presbyterial meetings and elsewhere, but when traveling every opportunity ought to be seized to present the work to the women of the church in railroad centers, in rural communities, or wherever practicable.

We appreciate the splendid work you are doing, and especially the way in which you are able to win the ministers for the

work of the Woman's Board.

One of the beauties of this work is - given a certain work to do, each woman will work it out in her own way, and I can assure you that the Woman's Board is ready to trust its workers as to methods.

I have stated quite fully what our women had in view, but it is the work we want advanced and methods must be different in different places, and certainly the situation in California is different from any place in the country.

Am so glad you were at Des Moines, for now I feel that I know you, and there is such a loving bond between us all.

Yours with love,

Lilla A. Ford

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

The women of the Presbyterian Church responded nobly to the call for advance issued a year ago, and the receipts for 1905 and 1906 are the largest in the history of the Woman's Board - $505,280. Of this amount $70,910 was designated for Freedmen's work, and $11,000 was an annuity gift and so not available for current work.

Three advance steps were recommended last year, which will be continued this year, viz.:- The Building and Repair Fund, the Emergency Fund, and the fifteen per cent. advance for evangelization and work among foreigners. While the call for these did not reach many of the societies until after the fall synodical meetings, the response has been generous and should be more generous this coming year because more generally understood.

THE BUILDING AND REPAIR FUND is essential in order that new buildings may be erected when needed, and that old buildings may be kept in repair. Instead of asking for this fund for a certain school this year, you will note that the amount asked for from your

synodical society will be for a certain field, and we enclose a statement of the needs of the field. We are sure that as the women see the need they will be glad to help, and efforts should be made to secure a contribution from every society toward this fund.

The amount received for the EMERGENCY FUND last year was $759. Already emergencies have arisen which show the importance of this fund. No society will be asked to give to this fund this year which contributed last year, but we hope that all societies which have not contributed the one dollar asked for will do so.

To meet the growing demands there must each year be an increase in receipts. Some of the open doors for work among foreign speaking people must be entered; it is important that the results of our school work be cared for in the support of a certain part of the work for evangelization. Accordingly, will you not urge auxiliary societies to secure an ADVANCE OF FIFTEEN PER CENT. either through the gifts of new members, or through extra gifts from those who are already members, this money to be used for work among FOREIGNERS, and for the support of such EVANGELISTIC WORK as the Woman's Board shall have assumed.

THE GENERAL FUND must not be neglected, for it is from this fund that all obligations not otherwise provided for, including unfulfilled pledges, must be met.

PLEDGED WORK. The apportionments for the year have been made on the basis of last year's receipts, so that we are depending upon each synodical society to so present the field that all pledges will be met, and all synodical work provided for as heretofore.

(Mrs. Robinson, #2.)

By action of General Assembly two special offerings for Home Missions are recommended to SABBATH SCHOOLS - on the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving for the school work of the Woman's Board, and on the Sunday before Washington's birthday for the evangelistic work of the Assembly's Board. Programs will be furnished for both days, free of charge, on application to the Literature Department.

The object for November 25th will be for work among the Indians. In order that the day may be generally observed, the superintendents of Sunday schools must have their attention called to the action of General Assembly authorizing the presentation of this work of the Woman's Board in the Sabbath schools on the Sabbath before Thanksgiving.

The Annual Meeting of 1905 decided that it was the duty of the presidents of auxiliary societies to do this, but that presbyterial presidents should themselves correspond with them, or appoint some one else to do so, emphasizing the importance of the observance of the day and the desirability of an offering.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. We need not speak of the importance of enlisting the co-operation of the young people of the church not only that they may have the blessing that comes through their active support now, but that in later years they may assume the burden of the evangelization of America. Let us help in every way we can to interest the young people.

The Secretary of the Young People's Department will, as usual, present to your young people, through your young people's

secretary, their special objects for the year, notifying them of such changes as may be necessary, and supplying letters and programs to help in arousing and sustaining interest.

FIELD WORK. The appointment of Field Secretaries was a year ago an experiment. The results of the year have fully justified the new departure, and we cordially commend to you Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Field Secretary for the Northwest. As the territory is too large to be covered in a single year, or in several years, she may not be available just when you want her, but we will have other speakers in the field, and every society ought to have at least one public meeting addressed by a member of the Board, a synodical or presbyterial officer, or visitor, or a missionary.

ORGANIZATION. Contributions were received last year from women's societies in 4,218 churches, from 1,512 Sunday schools, 898 Young People's Societies and Bands, and from 1,979 C. E. Societies. There are 7,980 churches reported in the Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. In how many churches in your synod is there now no women's home missionary society? This can be ascertained by referring to the Report of the Board of Home Missions, a copy of which will be sent you. Will you not plan, with the co-operation of your presbyterial societies, that the women in every church may have an opportunity to bear their share of the responsibility for the mission school work, placed upon them by direct commission of General Assembly?

The Woman's Board is prepared to help, and this year some literature will be issued in German for instruction in methods

(Mrs. Robinson#3)

for our German societies. If there is a demand for similar literature in Scandanavian or in any other language, we will help there also.

The new Synodical and Presbyterial Handbook will be effective in systematizing your work, and a copy should be in the hands of every synodical and presbyterial officer.

Furthermore, may we not urge this year increased efforts to reach all the women in every church, that each may have a part in this great work for the evangelization of America?

Systematic contributions each month from every woman in the church should be the goal for which we strive. Will you not emphasize this at your next synodical meeting?

The year is before us. The work grows. The responsibility for answered prayer for God's blessing upon the work must be met. Will you not set apart a certain time at your synodical meeting for prayer for the work of this year? Then, let us join hands with the workers on the field for the evangelization of America.

Faithfully yours,

Mary E. James

(Mrs. Darwin R.)

President.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Mrs. L. C. Ross,

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Ross:-

While you write "Oklahoma" at the head of your stationery, perhaps the post master might be just as well pleased to put it Indian Territory there for a while yet. In any event, I presume this letter would reach you.

We are glad to know the date of your synodical meeting, and expect to send some one to attend it. I do not yet know what my trip will be, but it is pretty sure that I shall not attend any meetings I attended last year.

You are to correspond with Mrs. Gildersleeve in regard to speakers for Indian Territory, and we hope you will make application for Miss Hughes and arrange an itinerary for her in the fall.

The working is growing and we must keep apace with it. While the Cumberland Church is united with the Presbyterian Church, yet we must be very cautious as we approach missionary societies in the Cumberland Churches. We shall be glad to receive as many as care to come to us, but they have almost no home mission work, all their contributions having been given for missions and by their Board turned over to the foreign work. They have simply one school in North Carolina, nevertheless there is a great work to be done in

interesting their women in home missions, and wherever they desire fellowship we ought to receive them very cordially.

We are glad to know that your mother is improving and hope she may be better than she has been in a long time.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Bowe,

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Miss Eliza McDowell,

Traer, Iowa.

Dear Miss McDowell:-

I passed your request for summer offering envelopes over to the Literature Department, and without doubt you have received them by this time. I trust you may have a large offering. The school building at Mayaguez is greatly needed, and we can not do all the work there we would like to do until we secure it.

We are glad you enjoyed the meetings at Des Moines, and I can assure you that it was a great privilege for us who are officers to meet the workers who are so loyal to the work in their individual churches and presbyterial societies. It would be impossible for us to do our work if we did not come in personal touch with the women in the home churches.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Your "Synodical Quarterly," with its brave outlook, at hand, and we have all read it with a great deal of interest. Enclosed is a subscription list from the workers in the office. We felt as if we wanted to help "just a little." We are so thankful for the courage and efforts put forth to revive your work after the dreadful disaster.

We have had several conferences with the Foreign Board in reference to headquarters for the Home Synodical Society, in connection with the building of the Rescue Home by the Occidental Board, but no proposition has yet been submitted that seems at all worthy of consideration. Your plan of Presbyterian headquarters is fine. We only wish we might feel free to send out a general appeal to every woman's home missionary society to help furnish headquarters for the California Synodical, but our women have already given in the church collections, and most of them are members of both Home and Foreign societies and feel that when they gave to the Occidental Board they

did not differentiate between that work and the work of the Synodical Home Missionary Society, and being called upon to give the third time would seem almost too much. We will, however, formulate an appeal to the Committee in New York, asking that in their division of funds provision be made for the housing of the Synodical Home Missionary Society, and if we hear that such provision will be made will endeavor to have all money sent by home societies "tagged" in such a way that it can be used for the benefit of your work. How successful we will be in getting money we do not know, but the Occidental Board is asking for $60,000 for rebuilding the Rescue Home; that is, for one-fifth of the whole $300,000 that is to be raised. Can not you at that end of the line make some definite plan to present to this Committee here in the East. I presume that the churches will be rebuilt first, and Dr. Dixon tells us that many more are found to be damaged than at first reported, and the damage is much greater than, in many instances, they had expected. Therefore, there will be large demands for that, but if the people in San Francisco could unite about the plan of a Presbyterian Headquarters on the plan of the Witherspoon Building in Philadelphia, or of the Presbyterian Building here in New York, though not so large, and with this definite plan in view appeal to the Committee, something might be done.

We think of you much and pray for you often.

Yours with love,

E. A. [illegible]

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Rev. D. McDonald, D. D.,
Danville, Kentucky.

Dear Dr. McDonald:-

I wrote you several days ago in reference to the work at Harlan, saying that the Woman's Board had made an appropriation for enlarging the school building there, but, of course, the work could not go on until the money was in hand.

We have apportioned $400 of the amount to the Synodical Society of Kentucky; $325 to the Synodical Society of Wisconsin; $75 to North Dakota Synodical, and will ask the ladies of New Castle Presbyterial to give their building fund for this object. We know that this will not be enough even to supplement what you have already raised, but we have so many buildings to finish that we could see no way in which to do it. Perhaps some of the teachers may help in securing the funds.

The synodical letter is just going out, but I greatly fear the money will not come in before the close of the fiscal year. I am sorry we could not make the appropriation for the dormitory, but it was absolutely out of the question now, for we have so many

buildings on hand for which part of the money has been raised, and we must finish these up before we begin anything new. Another year we may be able to get the money for the dormitory. Let us hope so!

Yours sincerely,

Edna A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, June 27, 1906.

Mrs. John W. Robe,

Okmulgee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Robe:-

Your letter, explaining the situation, at hand. I can assure you that all you say will be kept in confidence; that is, with the officers of the Board.

Mrs. Pingry has written Miss Frances Robe asking her to go to Tucson, Arizona, as sewing teacher, as Mr. Brown has asked to have her come there. We are sure she will do good work.

We all appreciate the spirit in which you write, and I can assure you that I have only the pleasantest of memories of my visit to Muyaka. I presume you have no idea as to how long school may be continued. Keep us informed as to the situation.

With kind regards to Mr. Robe, I am,

Yours with love,

Edna A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, June 30, 1906.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

I have just found time to look at the questions handed over from the Question Box at Des Moines. It seems to me that Nos. one and two would be better answered by hearing from several synodical presidents as to how they raise their contingent fund, and how they use the synodical letter. If societies do not begin to do the work until the April following, nearly a whole year has passed, so that we will receive much more benefit from the building and repair fund this year than we did last year. I think in nearly every case the synodical letter is presented at the synodical meeting in the fall, and the apportionments adopted, and all through the winter the presbyterial presidents work along that line. However, the answer to that question might help materially in securing earlier consideration of the work.

Question three might be answered by publishing again the attitude of the Woman's Board toward the Freedmen's work.

Question four, on the fifteen per cent. advance, might be answered by saying that when any synodical societies asks that they may be given a teacher among foreign-speaking people, the matter

is considered here in the office, and if they can assume the entire support permission is usually granted. Any recommendation made by the synodical society is always carefully considered; if they make no recommendation the money is applied where there is a demand.

Question five. We have no way of knowing how many societies observed the Day of Humiliation and Prayer, but two years ago the proportion was not far from one-half. It was not so generally observed this year.

Question six. This question more nearly concerns the Editor of Over Sea and Land, and perhaps she might have something to say.

Yours with love,

Edith A. Poole,

Dictated. New York, June 30, 1906.

Mrs. F. J. Collier,

Woodstown, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Collier:-

Please do not worry about my getting to Woodstown. I will take the earlier train, so expect me on the train due at Woodstown at 6.50 P. M. As I will leave New York at 2.55 P. M., do not worry if I miss that connection, for I will be on the later train.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, July 2, 1906.

Rev. John Dixon, D. D.,

Chairman of the San Francisco Relief Committee,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

Inasmuch as the woman's home missionary societies are being asked for contributions to the San Francisco Relief Fund, I write on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to inquire what provision will be made in the division of funds for the housing of the Synodical Home Missionary Society.

Their headquarters, in the home of Mrs. Garratt, were completely destroyed by the earthquake and by fire, and because they did not own these headquarters, but they were the gracious gift of Mrs. Garratt, they can make no claim for reimbursement for their own losses.

The women who belong to our societies would like to help the California Synodical Home Missionary Society to a permanent headquarters, and accordingly appeal to you for some provision for them. Before issuing a general appeal we will be glad to receive information on this point.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary.

Dictated. New York, July 6, 1916.

Mrs. W. L. Graham,

405 Broadway, Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Graham:-

We are always glad to answer questions and would really feel hurt if synodical presidents did not feel free to write us when we can be of service to them.

First in regard to the Emergency Fund:- Though the call did not reach many of our societies until fall, the receipts were $759. We had thought we would ask societies to contribute this year that did not contribute last year, but an extra demand has been made upon this fund because of a rule of the Board to grant to teachers who have broken down in the service, and who have been seven years in our employ, a year's leave of absence on half pay, and it has been decided to take that half pay from the Emergency Fund. Therefore, at a recent meeting of the Woman's Board it was decided to ask all societies that could contribute one dollar each year toward the Emergency Fund; and that smaller societies that did not feel they could contribute one dollar were to give what they could. This does not mean that we will establish a Home for worn out missionaries, but simply that we will assist them in time of emergency.

You will recall the fact that two plants suffered from fire last year - the Home at Grassy Cove, Tenn., being burned, and the entire building at Lawson, West Va. The teachers lost everything they had, and we were enabled, with some additional funds that were contributed for the purpose, to give each teacher $75. One of our teachers recently died. She had a very small salary, and we were able to give to her sister, who is also in our work, $50 toward the funeral expenses from this fund. We are sure that societies will be glad to give to this fund, though we do not wish to make it an obligation, simply a free will offering.

Second in regard to the speaker at your synodical meeting:- The synodical routes have not as yet been decided upon, although Mrs. Gildersleeve is working upon them. It is not probable that Miss Fraser will come to you as your speaker, but we will be able to let you know, shortly after August first, who you may depend upon.

Third. It is not customary to note the salaries in the synodical apportionments, but because Denver took Miss Johns's salary last year, and it was a new thing taking the salary of the intermediate teacher at Grassy Cove, that was put in the synodical apportionment. You are still pledged to the salary of Mrs. Schuknecht as your regular work, and another year neither salary will appear in the synodical apportionments, because your women will all understand about it.

You did not give anything to the Building and Repair Fund last year, although something was apportioned to Colorado, but you will remember you promised your ladies that if they would make

(Mrs. Graham, #2)

the advance caused by your assuming this salary, you would ask them for nothing more, but it has been decided to make the Building and Repair Fund a regular thing and we hope you will present the request for $300 for the new building at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, to your societies and get just as much of it as you can this year. This is the same object as the Summer Offering, and perhaps you can push the two together. The Normal School at Mayaguez is greatly needed. The ground upon which to erect it has been purchased, but we can not proceed with the building until we get the money. We do hope we can get the entire amount this year, for we have apportioned it among our societies and feel they may be able to get more because it is, also, the object for the Summer Offering and some societies will contribute at one time and some at another.

Fourth. The salary of Miss Helen Keil at Aguadilla, Porto Rico, is $500 per year. Of course, we would be glad if your young people would contribute the full amount. Miss Keil is a charming young woman, a graduate of Western College at Oxford, Ohio, and your young people will become greatly interested in her. To have a definite part in the work in Porto Rico will arouse enthusiasm, and make it easier for them to gather their funds. Miss Petrie sends plans through the young people's secretary.

We were sorry you could not attend the Annual Meeting at Des Moines. I am sure it would have been very helpful to you, for the meeting was full of enthusiasm and thankfulness to God for the advance of the year.

I hope I have made myself clear in regard to the Building and Repair Fund and the fifteen per cent. advance. We do not look upon these in the same light as we do the pledged work, but we do want them presented to the presbyterial societies and apportioned among them, so that the women will have an opportunity to give toward these special funds. If they are not presented to the women they do not know that the money is asked for, and even small amounts that might be given for the fund are lost to us.

I shall feel very sorry if you do not write me whenever you want help, and shall count it a great privilege to help you at any time.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Book.

Dictated. New York, July 6, 1908.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,

Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bailey:-

While a few years ago there was a movement to lessen the number of vice-presidents, putting the number on a different basis, your number was determined at that time, so that you are entitled to elect another one in the place of Mrs. Notarcos. You can probably attend to it at your synodical meeting in the fall.

In regard to having Mr. Freese at your synodical meeting at Wellsburg in the fall:- We have conferred here in the office and inasmuch as he was at your meeting last year we may want to send him to another part of the country this year. You have been accustomed to make personal requests for speakers for your synodical meetings, and we always try to give you the one whom you ask for, but the synodical routes have not yet been planned for, though they will probably be decided upon by August 1st. If you have any special request it will be well for you to forward it here before that time. We always like to have some representative of the Woman's Board at each synodical meeting, because they are able to be of some service in knowing of the work in the office. It is well also to have a representative from the field, and while it is always better to have the special work presented, it is a matter for you to decide whom you would like to have. Some one will probably be called from the

field for the work in the fall, but who it will be I can not yet say. Of course, if you all wanted Mr. Freece arrangements might be made for him to go to you, but it has not been planned for him to work in Pennsylvania the coming winter.

Yours with love,

Edward W. Rowe

Dictated. New York, July 6, 1906.

Mrs. M. R. Morris,

Sisseton, South Dakota.

Dear Mrs. Morris:-

We will be very glad to accept contributions from your society for the Indian work in California, and even if not sent for a couple of months it will be all right. Send through your presbyterial treasurer, plainly designated for the Indian work in California, and it will be so applied.

Hoping that your society may be prospered as they take up the work of another year, I am,

Very cordially yours.

Edward W. Rowe.

Dictated. New York, July 10, 1906.

Miss Edith Hughes,

Burrton, Kansas.

Dear Miss Hughes:-

Mrs. Gildersleeve is away on her vacation and I am very glad to answer your letter. We are greatly pleased with your report, and even though all nights were not filled in you did very well considering the month of June. You will find that it will happen many times that it will be necessary for you to help presbyterial presidents in making appointments. Sometimes the presbyterial officers do not know how to make appointments, and it is part of our work to help them. They ought to realize that a speaker wants every night taken, and you will have to do long distance telephoning and telegraphing a good many times, but you will find that the effort and the expenditure of money pays. Use your own judgment, and we know you will do the best you can.

In a few days we will send you not only the names of the synodical officers in each synod in your territory but the names of the presbyterial officers as well, so that you will have a complete list.

I think it would be well for you to send to Dr. W. H. Roberts, Witherspon Building, Philadelphia, Pa., and get a copy of the Minutes of General Assembly, which contains a list of all the

ministers in the Presbyterian Church. Your father probably has a copy, as he is one of the pastors, and you will know what I mean. You will find it will be exceedingly helpful as you are traveling to have this with you, because you can often call up the pastors on the telephone when you can not reach the president of the missionary society.

We must always remember that the Woman's Board is not expected to ask for offerings from the churches, only from the women of the church through their missionary society, but it pays to win the support and help of the ministers.

Now in regard to our relation to the Cumberland Church:- Their headquarters are at Evansville, Indiana, and the Secretary is Mrs. Dee F. Clarke, Y. M. C. A. Building. Their Board consists of nine members, and part of them are in favor of the union of the church and part are opposed. Their Board is an incorporated body, and has charge of both the Home and the Foreign Missionary work. All missionary money collected by the women's societies is forwarded direct to the Woman's Board through presbyterial organizations, and by the Board apportioned. They have synodical societies in seventeen synods - most of them in the South, except Indiana and Illinois.

We will have to proceed very carefully in our relation to this Board, inasmuch as on the part of some there is great opposition to passing their work over to us. The fact of the matter is they have very little Home work. Their receipts last year were $52,000, but this was all given for Foreign work, except for one school in the mountains of the South, namely, at Walnut, N. C., Bell Institute.

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There is great opportunity for increased receipts through the Cumberland Church when they come to us, because all of them will need to institute a department for Home Mission work, as they are giving almost nothing now, but we can well afford to abide our time.

If you should be invited to address Cumberland Churches it will be all right to do so, but devote your time to telling about what our Board is doing, the need for work, and the opportunities to help. Say little about gifts for any special work under our Board, but we are hoping before another year goes by we will all be one.

Mrs. Little is anxious for you to come to Texas and hopes to place you in some of the larger Cumberland Churches when you do come. It is possible that I may myself attend the synodical meeting in Texas, which this year meets in connection with the Cumberland Church, and we may want you to go also.

You will probably go to the synodical meeting in Indian Territory, and that will give you an opportunity to visit the Indian schools and come in touch with the Indian work. You see you have a big work before you.

We are glad you like your new paper and believe it will be a help in introducing you to pastors and societies. We will have the minutes sent you every month, but there will be none through the summer months. We will also send you a copy of the synodical letter containing the apportionments for each synod within the bounds of your territory, so that you may know in what work the women are interested, and can thus work for an advance in gifts. It is always

well to strive for an advance in pledged work, because that means increased effort. Pledged work may be either a teacher's salary or a scholarship. We would like each society to make a contribution for the building and repair fund, and if they desire to have the offering at your meetings counted toward this that will be all right.

The list of officers that we send you will be very helpful in planning your itinerary, and Mrs. Hoag writes that she can plan for you in September and perhaps can give you another month later.

Praying that you may be greatly blessed in all your work, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated.

New York, July 10, 1906.

Mrs. H. S. Little,

705 Chestnut St.,

Denison, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Little:-

Your letter of June 30th received. We are very glad indeed to know that your husband is better. We knew he had been ill, and know how happy you must be over the prospects of complete recovery.

We note what you have to say about the meeting of your synodical society in connection with the meeting of the Cumberland missionary women, and if it it is at all possible for some representative of the Board to be there we will plan to send some one. I hope to come myself. Dr. Thompson tells me that there is a possibility that the date may be changed from September 13th to some time in October. Kindly keep us advised.

We will have to handle the Cumberland women very carefully. I presume you know about their work. Part of their Board is in favor of union and part oppose it. They have almost no Home Missionary work, simply one school in North Carolina, and nearly all their funds are for Foreign work. While it would not seem then as if the union will mean very much, yet it will mean a great deal if

we can succeed in getting the women interested in Home Missions. If Miss Hughes should come to you, and some of the larger Cumberland Churches desire an address from her, it would be wiser for her to tell about what our board is doing and conduct a campaign for education. Then, when they see how great the work is, and how great the need, I believe they will want to have a part with this big organization.

By this time you have received the synodical letter and your apportionments for the coming year. We trust you may be able to so present them to your societies that they will want to help. It will mean hard work on our part to keep our contributions up to the record of last year, over a half a million dollars, and we must never relax our efforts for a moment.

Hoping that I may have the pleasure of meeting you this fall, I am,

Dictated.

New York, July 12, 1909.

Very cordially yours,

A. H. C. Olin, Treasurer,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly present this to the School Committee and explain to them how the money can be borrowed?

Sincerely yours,

Edward Beale,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, July 12, 1906.

To the School Committee

of the Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has been renting a house for Rev. H. C. Thomson, D. D., Superintendent of the Evangelistic Training Class at Albuquerque, New Mexico, at a rental of six hundred dollars per year. Attached to this there is quite a farm which, heretofore, has been used for the school, but now that the pumping plant is in operation our own land can be irrigated, and the farm is no longer necessary. The owner is desirous of selling the land, so that we have only leased the house until September 1st.

We have wanted for a long time to erect a house for Dr. Thomson, and plans have been drawn, the cost of which will not exceed $2,500. As the interest on $2,500, at four per cent. interest, would be one hundred dollars per year, and we are paying $600 for the house, we ask permission to borrow the money, at four per cent., and erect the house, making an appropriation each year of $600, the amount to be applied on principal and interest. Part of the money for this house has been apportioned to some of our societies, and as fast as the money comes in it will be applied on the principal.

Respectfully yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Secretary

Dictated. New York, July 12, 1906.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. James:-

We know how interested you are in getting a home for Dr. Thomson at Albuquerque, New Mexico, but it does not seem easy to get the money. At the joint conference this morning it was suggested that we are paying $600 a year rental for Dr. Thomson's house; to build him a home would take $2,500. The interest on $2,500, at four per cent. per year, is one hundred dollars, so that it is the greatest extravagance to pay six hundred dollars for what we could get for one hundred dollars. The Board approves of our borrowing the $2,500 necessary to erect the house, and of our making an appropriation of $600 for five years, five hundred of which will be paid on the principal. This will give us the house at once, and instead of paying rental to that man, who threatens to put us out at any time, we will be paying for the house itself. Does this meet with your approval? All here in the office approve of it, and we can bring it up formally at the meeting next Tuesday, if you will be here, but, in the meantime, we would be gaining a little time

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if we could write at once to Dr. Thomson for the plans of his house. It seems to us this is a solution of the difficulty.

We have apportioned the money for the coming year and, of course, any money that comes in can be applied on the principal at once, as the money will simply be borrowed from current funds.

Yours with love,

Edward E. Dowle,

Dictated. New York, July 17, 1908.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mrs. James:

The enclosed telegram came from Mr. Charles M. Owen this morning, and we had expected you would be in to-day so we held it until your letter came at noon, and I was about ready to forward the telegram when Mr. and Mrs. Owen came into the office. While they suffered severely from ptomaine poisoning, they are better and start for the West to-night. He sent his kindest regards to you and is not at all discouraged in the fight against Mormonism.

There were several matters to be considered this morning but ones that we can not decide can wait over until another week, unless you should happen to come in some day this week.

It would hardly do to write Miss Maxwell about a Superintendent of Nurses until we hear from Miss Ordway whether she will accept or not, beside Mr. Craig talked with her about a superintendent at the time of the conference, and while she spoke of a lady she was not sure that she would accept.

Dr. Hildreth and his young lady spent the evening at my home one day last week. She is a charming young woman and will be very much interested in the work. They will be glad to go down any

time after August first, and would like to have at least a month with Dr. Holmes that they may understand about the workings of the hospital. I do not believe we will have any trouble with them. She is as much interested in the missionary work as he is, and wants to do what she can to help. She will do the work of correspondent in the hospital, and will be glad to do some missionary work among the poor children outside.

It will be all right about Miss Sutherland having a year on half pay, and already some one has been secured for her place.

Miss Black will not receive a position. Mrs. Ringry said she would write her to-day.

I hope you may keep well during this hot weather.

Yours with love,

Edna L. Booth

Dictated. New York, July 19, 1906.

Mrs. R. B. Goddard,
Lake & First Sts.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

Dr. Brown of the Foreign Board came down the other day to say that they had heard from San Francisco, and that the Board of Foreign Missions approved of the plan of having a Presbyterian Building in connection with the Rescue Home; that it had been decided that the name of the building was to remain the same as now, the title of the property to be vested in the Foreign Board, but that the building would be so constructed as to answer for Presbyterian headquarters; that the general plan now is to have the first floor for the Headquarters of the various organizations, and the second floor for the Rescue Home. Of course, we are all delighted, and know you will be, that the matter is so amicably arranged. Now you want to put in your plea for the space you need.

We had already prepared an appeal to our societies that will be sent out by the Board of Relief, and Dr. Dixon will attend to that. We rejoice with you that you are to have a permanent home of your own where you can carry on your work, and one that will be adapted for your needs.

I presume at this distance we can hardly appreciate how long it will take for San Francisco to be rehabilitated, but you must be making progress. We wish all the money for this relief might be in before September 1st, so as not to interfere in any way with the pledged work, but we can not tell about that. Any way you are to be congratulated in that you have worked things so well at that end of the line that your request has been granted.

Did you know that Mrs. James is planning to start on a tour around the world about the first of September? She will probably sail from Vancouver, and just as soon as I know the date she sails I will send you word, for you may want to send her a steamer letter. It will really be very nice if each of our synodical presidents could remember her as she starts away on her long journey, and surely we will all want to remember her in prayer, that she may be brought back to us in safety.

Yours with love,

E. A. C.

Dictated. New York, July 19, 1906.

Miss Edith Hughes,

Burrton, Kansas.

Dear Miss Hughes:-

Enclosed is a copy of the synodical letter and the apportionments for the synodical societies within your territory. Of course, there are salaries taken by presbyterial societies and auxiliaries, and scholarships, but this is the regular synodical work, and you will understand from the synodical letter just what it is intended for.

I hope you are enjoying your vacation, and feel quite certain you will enjoy your work the more closely you come in touch with the different societies in your field. You will hear from Mrs. Gildersleeve early in August as to the plans for your field work. Mrs. Hoag can use you in Kansas, and it is barely possible that we may want you to go to the Texas Synodical, which occurs September 13th. I had hoped to go there myself, but the matter is not fully settled.

Yours with love,

Clara Booth.

Dictated. New York, July 23, 1906.

Mrs. F. F. McCrea,

1505 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mrs. McCrea:-

Your letter of July 20th at hand. When the Committee on Advance was appointed a year ago, and recommended that we endeavor to raise $600,000, we scarcely knew how to get the recommendation before societies in such a way that we would get a part of the advance. Accordingly, it was decided to ask for a contribution from each auxiliary society, in addition to its pledges, to be used for building and repairs, and to ask for fifteen per cent. advance as a special contribution to be used for work among the foreigners and for such evangelistic work as shall have grown out of the work of the Woman's Board. The fifteen per cent. advance and the contribution for building and repairs is a free will offering, and we simply asked synodical officers that they place the claims of these two lines of work before their auxiliary societies, giving the women an opportunity to give toward them.

While we asked for $1,500 for the repair fund for the Indian field, $500 may be for the sewer at Tucson, we do not look upon this request in the same light as we do the $1,100 for the Utah schools and the $500 for teacher's salary at Tucson. We will be very glad if you can give to it, but if you can not we will understand the

situation. I have tried to make this very clear in the Forecast for 1906 and 1907, which will be published in the Home Mission Monthly for September, and can later be had for free distribution among societies, as it will be published in leaflet form.

Every dollar that comes in for the repair fund is so much saved from the General Fund, because repairs must be made, and we feel that if this matter is rightly presented to societies many would be glad to give to it, over and above their regular pledges, without looking at the full amount to be raised. Have I made it clear, and will you not present the claims of these two funds through your presbyterial societies to the auxiliaries, not thinking of the total that must be raised, but rather asking each society if they will not give something toward that amount?

We will be glad to look upon the $500 for the sewer at Tucson as a pledge, and if you can get more than that it can go toward the general repair fund on the Indian field. If you feel that asking for the full amount of $1,500 would frighten your ladies, simply ask for a free will offering for the repair fund from each auxiliary society. We do not care how it is done, simply that we may get the money that will help us to come out without debt at the end of the year.

I wish you would write us something about the condition of affairs at that Arizona Presbyterial meeting, as they are so far away we know little about them.

Mrs. Gildersleeve is still away on her vacation, but you will hear from her soon after her return about your speaker. Some changes may have to be made, owing to the union with the Cumber-

land Church, and we will try to decide about the synodical routes positively on August 1st.

By the way, are you at all acquainted with the members of the Woman's Board of the Cumberland Church? Their headquarters are at Evansville, Ind., and if you should go down there it would be well for you to go in and see them. We understand that their Board consist of nine members, five of whom are in favor of the union, three opposed, and one doubtful. We have been looking up their work and find they have very little home work, simply one school in the mountains of the South, so that with their seventeen synodical societies, when they really do unite, there will be a splendid opening for increased receipts for Home Mission work. We will have to be very careful how we manage them. Do you know when their synodical meeting is to be held in Indiana? Get some facts about it for us, if you can.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York, July 24, 1906.

Dr. Grace Atkins Holmes,

San Juan, Porto Rico.

Dear Dr. Holmes:-

I am not at all surprised that you are anxious to know the plans for the hospital, and we have not been unmindful of your comfort even though we have seemed to be, but things have been in an uncertain state, but now that we have received word that Miss Ordway will accept the superintendency of the hospital, and that she is coming North for a month of training; that Dr. Hildreth is to be married on Wednesday, and expects to start for Porto Rico on August 18th, we have something definite to write you.

Dr. Hildreth is very anxious that he should be in the hospital with you at least a month, that he may learn how you have been conducting it and get somewhat into the ways of the hospital. He is a fine young man, and will, we believe, prove a superintendent who will grow into the work. His wife is a charming young woman, thoroughly interested in the missionary work, and in the church work of the community you will find her helpful. They spent the evening with me a little over a week ago, and I was greatly pleased with her, as well as with him.

If you can remain until Miss Ordway returns, which will probably be a month after Dr. Hildreth goes to San Juan, it would seem to be a very nice adjustment of affairs.

Of course, you know all matters of business come through the School Department and I am only writing in a friendly way, but we are all so much interested in the hospital work.

Dear little Mrs. Harris was so pleased with the hospital, with you, and with everything that was done for her. Isn't she a dear little body? I hope they may be prospered in their journey to San Germen, and that she may keep well.

If you come North this fall, we will be very glad to see you at the rooms, and I want to assure you again how grateful we all are to you for having taken up the work at the hospital at this trying time.

You do not know how glad we all were when the recommendation came that Miss Sinclair was to become one of the nurses instead of housekeeper, for when she went she was practically promised that when there was an opening for a nurse she should have the place.

With all good wishes for your health, and praying that you may have the strength for your work, I am,

Yours very cordially,

Ellen G. Poole

Dictated. July 25, 1906.

Mrs. D. B. Birnie,
℅ Titus B. Meigs,
Malone, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Birnie:-

We have not been at all unmindful of the Bible lessons or of the necessity for maps and plans of the temple, but you know that we are on half force during the month of July and those of us who are here are very much pressed for time.

We have read over all the Bible lessons, and have very few suggestions to make. We are going over them a second time proving every text inasmuch as your stenographer made some errors, and we hope to finish the matter up this week. Will then send the suggestions to you for, of course, it is your privilege to follow them or not as you may think best.

We think the course excellent. It will be necessary for us to receive bids before we can have the book printed as it will involve a considerable expenditure of money and I have not the slightest idea that the books can be ready for the opening of school in September. We are sorry about it, but the delay could not be avoided.

In the matter oforderting the plans for the temple and the maps we can defer that until the book is ready to be sent out. I am going down to see the maps of the Board of Publication, which we understand are very fine, and of course we shall be glad

to have them placed in our schools. I think we will have to make a special appeal for the money for these maps because it will cost a a good deal to have the book printed, and to put maps in every school; but as our schools are mission schools, and the primary object is the teaching of the Bible such an expense is justified.

My plan is to be at Tupper Lake the week of August 20th and I expect to be with Mrs. Loveless.
It may be necessary for me to change my plans, but this is what I am hoping to do now. Mrs. Loveless is interested in the missionary work of the little Presbyterian church and I knew her in the work of the W. C. T. U. She has invited me to be her guest for a week, and I think I shall accept on my way to Thousand Island Park.

I shall be delighted to see you if you are in that vicinity at the time. Shall we send our suggestions to you at Malone? I hope to have them ready by the last of the week.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. July 25, 1906.

Rev. Charles Marsden,

Manchester, Ky.

My dear Mr. Marsden:-

Dr . White of the Board of Church Erection has forwarded to us your correspondence relative to the erection of a manse at Manchester.

While in the presentation of the needs for Manchester last year a home for the pastor and teachers was recommended, the Woman's Board did not have the money to grant it, and we all feel that it is better for the teachers to be in the dormitory with the pupils. This is not the case, however, with the pastor of the church and we should be very glad to have him have a manse, but we have no money to put in the project. Without doubt our ladies would grant permission to donate a lot for the manse; but let me say that in urging the matter of a home for the teachers in connection with the manse, you are prejudicing your case with the Board of Church Erection. Simply urge the manse as a home for the pastor and his family and let the other proposition go, being content that the teachers may continue to live in the dormitory.

If the Woman's Board had the money we would be only too glad to grant all the requests of our workers on the field, but there are so many demands and so much money is needed that

the places that need it most must have it first.

In a letter from Dr. White he refers again to the fact that you wanted the new building to be a manse and teacher's home, and he wants us to unite in the matter saying, "if either your Board or the Woman's Board could unite with us I am confident that our Board could give one half". As we do not want a teacher's home of course we cannot unite.

Trusting that you may be able to get the money from the Board of Church Erection, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edna A. Boole,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, July 26, 1906.

Rev. B. L. Agnew, D. D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Agnew:-

A year ago application was made for the admission of Miss Helen L. Cougle, one of the missionaries under the Woman's Board of Home Missions, into Merriam Home, Newton, New Jersey. She thought it would only be necessary for her to rest for a year, but the doctor now tells her that she will not be able to undertake work, and really her infirmity; that is, trouble with her eyes, makes it impossible for her to do her work as a missionary. Accordingly, on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, I desire to make application for her to be permitted to remain in Merriam Home.

Miss Cougle is a lovely Christian character, has been a devoted missionary under the Woman's Board, and were it not for the trouble with her eyes might have continued in our work some time longer; but after twenty-three years of service she is well entitled to the help of the Board of Ministerial Relief.

Hoping that you may permit her to remain in the Home, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Clara P. Boole.

Secretary.

New York, July 27, 1906.

Dictated.

Miss Texas McAlister,

Bald Creek, N. C.

Dear Friend:-

Your letter to Mrs. James has been received. We have written Miss Julia E. Phillips, Superintendent of our school at Hot Springs, N. C., asking if she can make room for you at Dorland Institute next year. I do not know how far Bald Creek is from Hot Springs, but you can find out how much it would cost to go there. Have you money enough to pay your way to the school? If you have, we will try to secure a scholarship for you if there is room in the school.

Mrs. James is going away on a long journey around the world and she has asked me to reply to your letter. We will do what we can to help you, but can not promise until we know more about you. How old are you? How much have you been to school, and would you be willing to stay until you had finished the course?

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Beale.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, July 27, 1906.

Mrs. A. H. Vedder,

199 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mrs. Vedder:-

Although part of our office force is away on vacation, we had a conference in regard to the work this morning, and the itineraries for our speakers were under discussion.

The territory of the Northwest, of which Mrs. Palmer is Field Secretary, is so large that it is impossible for her to cover it for a good many years, so that some time ago it was decided to appoint another worker to help cover that territory, and Mrs. M. B. Lee, for a good many years president of Minneapolis Presbyterial, has been appointed speaker. She will begin her work about October first. She is highly recommended to us as a spiritual woman, and her successful experience as president of Minneapolis Presbyterial shows how well fitted she is to help organize in other presbyterials. She is spending this summer in Idaho, and will visit the work of Miss Frost at Fort Hall Reservation, and expect to attend the Teachers' Convention in Utah. In addition to this, she has visited Good Will Mission, so that she has seen quite a little bit of our work, and will be well fitted to give the personal touch with the

field, which is so essential in a speaker. We thought perhaps you might be able to use her for two months in the western part of Wisconsin, as she will be in our employ during October and November.

We would, of course, ask that offerings be taken at the meetings, but if the societies desire these could be credited to the building and repair fund for that presbyterial society, which in Wisconsin is Harlan, Ky.

Mrs. Lee is a lady in every sense of the word, cultured, refined and thoroughly consecrated, so that her presence with a society will mean a spiritual uplift as well as increased information in regard to the work. Does this plan meet with your approval, and what presbyteries would you recommend that she enter? Of course, we are always desirous of saving as much as possible on traveling expenses, but you may know what presbyterial societies need help the most.

I am looking forward with pleasure to coming to your synodical meeting in Madison and trust that no complications with the Cumberland Church may make a change of plan necessary. I hope if I do come that in arranging your program you will allow sufficient time that the cause of Home Missions may have at least an hour; that is, half an hour in which the organization may be presented, and another half hour in which the work of the field may be given. We who come out from headquarters feel that we want to be of just as much help as we can possibly be, and we certainly can not do our best service in less time than that.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, July 30, 1906.

Rev. B. P. Fullerton, D. D.,

3425 Belle Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Fullerton:-

Your letter of July 28th has been received. It would give me a great deal of pleasure to meet with the ladies of the Cumberland Church at the Sunday School Assembly, at Warrensburg, Mo., August 8th and 9th, if the way were well open for such a meeting, but in view of the fact that the Woman's Board of the Cumberland Church has made no advance toward us, and that there is no "Re-united Missionary Society," I do not see how I could attend the meeting.

In accordance with your suggestion, I wrote Mrs. Clarke a cordial letter, offering co-operation, and opened the way for them to suggest a conference if they wanted one. The reply came couched in cordial terms, but with no suggestion of a conference. Therefore, it seemed to us that we should have to let the Woman's Board as a Board alone. They have so little Home work that there will be need of a good deal of instruction along Home Mission lines before the women will even comprehend what we have been doing.

If it is possible for me to stop at Evansville on my Western trip this fall I shall be glad to do so, but unless they make some approach to us I do not see how we can do anything with

them as a Board. However, when any Cumberland Church unites with a Presbyterian Church the missionary society will unite, and their gifts will be along the line that the women of the Presbyterian Church have been giving to. If we can be notified of such uniting we would be very glad to render extra help along the line of instruction in the work being done by our Board. Wherever a Cumberland Church becomes a Presbyterian Church, the presbytery uniting, it would seem that the woman's missionary society in their loyalty to their local church would naturally send their gifts to the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Could you keep me informed of all such churches? I could then send a letter of greeting to the woman's missionary society and urge the claims of our work.

Inasmuch as there is no united missionary society whose work can be presented, it would seem as if the best thing to do would be for you to tell them of the work being done by our Woman's Board, and I think you have a good supply of literature telling about our work. We will, however, send you a copy of the Annual Meeting number of the Home Mission Monthly, which contains Mrs. James' address and my report, and also a copy of Mr. Craig's report as Superintendent of School Work. This will give you the material that will enable you to tell them about what we are doing.

If you would like a speaker to present the work, let me commend to you Miss Edith Hughes, Burrton, Kansas, who is Field Secretary for the Southwest. If you need her, simply write her at Burrton, and I think nothing will prevent her coming. I will write

her that she may be ready to go if you need her. I can assure you of our desire to do everything we can to unite the work of the missionary societies, and even if that should mean the appointment of a Field Secretary whose special work should be to visit Cumberland Churches, our women would consider it favorably.

I hope the meeting at Warrensburg may be productive of great good, and can assure you that all along the line our women will accord a hearty welcome to the Cumberland missionary societies.

Fraternally yours,

(Mrs. A. J. Boyle,

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, August 1, 1906.

Miss Elizabeth C. Stockdale,

347 East Wheeling St., Washington, Pa.

Dear Miss Stockdale:-

Your letter just received. We can appreciate your desire to have a memorial to your mother in connection with the Laura Sunderland School, but if you can feel as much interested in the work at Lawson I can assure you that your gift is more needed there.

The railroad runs to Kayford from Charleston, and the drive is eight miles over the mountains to Lawson, West Va. It is better to make the ride on horseback than to drive, and perhaps it would not be very convenient for you to reach the school, but it is the only school in West Virginia, and as it was burned last spring must be rebuilt. It was named the Priscilla Home School in honor of Miss Priscilla Spencer, the first missionary under our Board in the mountains of West Virginia.

The idea is to make it accommodate only about twenty girls in the boarding department. There is a day school in connection with the boarding school. The one thousand dollars I suggested you might be willing to give would be used to build and equip the school building, for Mr. Craig, who has just returned from there, says that it would be far better to erect a new building than to try

to remodel the building that is there. The school has been in existence only about six years, and while not one you will hear very much about on the outside it is doing real practical work among the mountaineers, for the people in this part of West Virginia are mountaineers just as they are in North Carolina.

The girls are taught cooking, housekeeping, sewing, laundry work, in addition to what they learn from their books. As I said before, the school is small, and at present there will be but one matron and one teacher, but a school where good, Christian influence will be brought to bear upon the girls, and I know no better memorial that could be erected for yourmother than this school building, which you could name and in which you could have a personal interest. Of course, there are other objects which I might mention, because the Woman's Board is always needing money, but scarcely any that could be erected for one thousand dollars. If you care to invest more money I could give you larger objects.

Hoping that you may decide to erect this building at Lawson, I am ,

Very cordially yours,

Lida A. Booke.

Dictated. New York, February 28, 1907.

Mrs. T. J. Peed,

9 Bluff View, Chattnooga, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Peed:-

We had a most delighted trip through the South. Our conferences at Nashville and Memphis, Tenn., and at Paris and Waco, Texas were exceedingly helpful and full of enthusiasm. We met representatives of more than one hundred woman's missionary societies and found them interested in the work, and you can not imagine what a pleasure it was to tell them about the work of our Woman's Board of Home Missions, because it was all new to them, for Home Missions had simply meant one school at Barnard, N. C., and a little work among the Choctaw Indians in Indian Territory; but now Home Missions means a great deal more to them and they are ready to take up the work and study it.

I enclose a copy of the agreement between the Cumberland Woman's Board and ourselves. It would be advantageous if joint meetings of the presbyterial societies could be held this spring, because many of them do not hold but one meeting a year, but we shall have to leave it largely with the Cumberland ladies in their own presbyteries as to whether they will want a union meeting this spring or not. It may be that they will not want to take action until after their meeting in May, at Macon, Mo. The most difficult part in the proposition

is that they have been sending their money to their Woman's Board at Evansville, Indiana, and the Board has decided how much was for Home and how much was for Foreign Missions. Now it remains for the donors in societies, or for the societies, to vote how much shall be for Home and how much for Foreign Missions. They will need instruction along this line, and to this end they must study the work being done by our Woman's Board. We talked the matter over very clearly at all these conferences, and while in no case did I say that they should give as much for Home Missions as for Foreign, at the close of every conference they said they would.

Mrs. J. H. McClure, of Nashville, wrote me the other day for a map and for material for map talks about our work, saying she expected to present it at her presbyterial meeting in the spring, so that although the two presbyterials to meet together in the spring, they are already beginning to study our way. The synodical meeting in the fall, however, should be a joint meeting.

One of the great difficulties which we are to confront is the re-arranging of the boundaries of the presbyteries. I understand that this will be particularly confusing in Tennessee, as there have been two synods there, and the presbyteries are all to be rearranged. In Texas every presbyterial society will have to be reorganized, as the Cumberlanders had twenty-three presbyterials and we had three, while in the re-arrangment there are but twelve. All of this will take time, and the synodical officers will have to be very patient.

Miss Jennie Russell was at the meeting in Nashville, and she will be very glad to do anything she can to help.

(Mrs. Peed, #2.)

The suggestion that there be a secretary and a treasurer for Home work and a secretary and treasurer for Foreign work is, of course, not obligatory. We do feel, however, that in order to get them interested in Home Missions it would be absolutely essential that there should be a secretary for Home work and a secretary for foreign work; some of the foreign ladies thought it would be better to have different treasurers, hence that recommendation.

I do not know what definite plans Miss Hughes may have between the 10th and the 23rd, but she is expecting to visit some of the mission schools in Tennessee, and you will find her a charming young woman. I want her to familiarize herself with the situation in regard to the Cumberland people. It will require patience, tact and a willingness to give a great deal of information that these good women may learn about our work.

The recommendation in regard to two treasurers is, of course, only where there are both Cumberland societies and our own, and even then is only a recommendation. We are good Presbyterians and realize that our societies like to decide very many things for themselves, but we do feel that the two secretaries are essential in the Home work if we are to have a chance.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, February 28, 1907.

Miss Maud A. Rice,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Miss Rice:-

We have been very glad to send to Mrs. Roberts the information she wants in regard to Ellis Island. Perhaps you will be interested to know that only one missionary is permitted from each denomination, and Miss Bertha Slavik is the missionary from the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Her salary is $40.00 per month, and I told Mrs. Roberts they could assume one or more months each year if they wanted to do, so that she would really be their missionary for that length of time.

We are glad you are to take Wolf Point as the object for your twenty-fifth anniversary offering, and we will have a leaflet ready for you very soon.

Cordially yours,

Edear a. Bowles.

Dictated. New York, March 1, 1907.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1504 Fifth Ave., Oakland, Cali.

My dear Miss Fraser:-

Your letter to Mrs. Pingry has been referred to me for reply. Miss Lincoln returned to the office yesterday, and Mrs. Pingry retired.

You speak of a memorial for Mrs. Forsyth that will mean $2,500 or $3,000 extra. We would far rather have it go into a building fund, if it would suit the ladies than to have it go into a permanent scholarship, valuable as these scholarships are. Buildings are greatly needed, and such gifts pave the way for better work in the future.

I do not believe our ladies would approve of making any changes in the Mexican school for the present. We have just bought a new site for the Tucson School, which will mean the erection of entirely new buildings. The Mary E. James School is under way; the new school at Lawson, West Va.; the dormitory at Logan, Utah, and the new dormitory at Wolf Point must be built the coming summer, so that we really feel all the buildings we could possibly undertake in connection with the schools already established.

A building is needed at Perron, Utah, but is needed immediately: in fact, it ought to be erected this coming summer, so as to be ready for the opening of school in the fall. If the ladies wanted to take that, and could go to work at once to raise the money, so that we could be assured it would be in by August 1st at the latest, it would make a fine memorial.

$1,500 is needed for the inception of new work among the Winnebago Indians. We have a trined nurse ready to go in there, but we have no house and no accommodations for her whatever. The condition of these Indians is desperate, and the erection of the Home and the equipping of the plant would make a fine Memorial.

However, if the ladies prefer the endowment of a scholarship their preference shall be considered, though, personally, I have a feeling that each generation ought to take care of its own work, and that it far better for us to care for the work of the year and let the people of the church care for it the succeeding year. This, however, is only my personal feeling in regard to the matter, and permanent scholarships are a part of the plan of the Woman's Board.

We heard from Mr. Campbell yesterday, and I think we will plan to have both Dr. and Mrs. Campbell attend the Annual Meeting. I will bring it before the Woman's Board next week. If the Government will continue their work at St Lawrence Island, it is probable that we will not even consider assuming their support. We have written Dr. Jackson to find out about it. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell are taking their vacation at their own expense; they do not receive any salary this year, therefore they ought to be compensated for the work they do for us.

(Miss Fraser, #2.)

I have talked with Mrs. Gildersleeve about the advisability of Dr. Campbell attending the Los Angeles and Riverside Presbyterials - we see no reason why both of them should attend these meetings. Of course, the societies ought to pay his traveling expenses, and it would be but fair that he should be compensated at the rate of five dollars a meeting. We have no claim upon him, so that we can not ask his services free of charge.

Here in the East we are asking all presbyterial societies this year to contribute ten dollars toward the traveling expenses of speakers. I have no idea what the expenses would be for Dr. Campbell, but you may know about that.

California has done so splendidly this year. It is a marvel to all of us that at the end of ten months they are $25.00 ahead of this time last year, and this notwithstanding the earthquake, that we have not the heart to say "no" to anything they may particularly want, but our traveling expenses have been so very heavy this year, and as we are unable to secure any reduced rates, we have to be careful.

Yours with love,

Dictated. New York, March 1, 1907.

Miss Alice C. Patterson,

Glendale, Ohio.

Dear Miss Patterson:-

I was very glad indeed to receive your letter. We are all looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our Annual Meeting, which, as you probably know, will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio. Already we are beginning to secure the speakers, and feel that we will have a good representation from the field. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, will probably be the greatest attraction, as their field is such a lonely one, and I doubt whether they have ever attended an Annual Meeting before.

Mrs. James is not expected back for the Annual Meeting; she is now in Cairo, Egypt, and expects to spend the winter in Europe. They have traveled very fast, and while she has enjoyed her trip exceedingly, she will need some time to rest before returning.

We expect to ask Mrs. Houston to preside at the first session on Thursday afternoon; Mrs. McCrea at the second session on Friday morning; Mrs. Cooper on Friday afternoon, and Mrs. Robinson, of Illinois, at one of the synodical conferences, and perhaps one of

the Vice-Presidents here in New York at the other. The hotel which will be our headquarters has not yet been decided upon.

I stopped at Columbus on my way South, and met with the ladies. Mrs. McComb was in Mexico, but she will probably be the general chairman of the committee. Dr. and Mrs. Palmer are both greatly interested, and will to all they can to make our meetings a success.

You will have seen in the Home Mission Monthly the result of our conference with our Cumberland friends. I am planning to write every synodical president in regard to it, so that we may all work in harmony. We must keep faith with our agreement that their Woman's Board is to receive gifts until July 1, 1907. No advantages would accrue to us if they come to us with a debt, and every advantage comes from giving them a cordial welcome and in telling them about the work that is being by our Woman's Board.

The blanks for reports were sent out some time ago, and I will ask Mrs. Baker to forward you samples of each. Did you not receive the synodical blanks?

Looking forward with pleasure to meeting you again at Columbus, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, March 4, 1907.

Mrs. A. R. McFarland,

709 Seventh St., Alva, Okla. Ter.

Dear Mrs. McFarland:-

Your letter telling of the observance of the Interdenominational Day of Prayer has been received, and I have read it with a great deal of interest. I am sure the very spirit that prompted you to carry on the work in Alaska still pervades your soul, because it is just such work as this that makes an Interdenominational Day of Prayer count for a great deal.

I am sure that it was not only profitable for the forty women to gather together to pray but laid it heart a blessing upon themselves as well as upon the work.

We are so glad to learn about the Sunday school offering. If every Sunday school would observe these days it would mean advance all along the line, and there are so many pleas for new work and we are heart sick because we can not grant them.

With hearty appreciation of your services in the past, as well as now.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 4, 1907.

Miss Edith Hughes,

Burrton, Kansas.

My dear Miss Hughes:-

There are so many Cumberland Presbyterian Churches in your territory that you will need to be well informed in regard to the situation at this end of the line. From the last Home Mission Monthly you will see that we held a conference in New York early in January. The result of this conference is stated in the enclosed leaflet. You will note that we have agreed that the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall solicit and receive gifts until July 1, 1907. For this reason we have felt that we could do nothing to come in touch with these societies until that time.

My recent trip through the South made me understand the situation there better than I could otherwise have done. In all they have about one thousand societies; that is, woman's missionary societies and young women's societies. They have seventeen synodical organizations. They have been accustomed to send their money direct to their Woman's Board, and the Board has decided how much should be given for Home and how much for Foreign Missions. While they have tried to be fair in both branches of the work, I found in many socie-

ties they have paid much more attention to the Foreign work than to the Home. It then remains for us to make sentiment for Home Missions. They are hungry to learn, and as they have had very little work in the home land, Home Mission to them has simply meant one school in the mountain field -- Bell Institute, at Barnard, N. C., with two day schools in connection with it, and a work among the Choctaw Indians, this work being done by Rev. A. B. Johnson.

It gives one a splendid opportunity in addresses to tell them about the whole field, and they are anxious to learn. You see they must be taught to specify how much they will give for Home Missions and how much for Foreign Missions.

In most of the Synods in the South and West there will be many changes in presbyterial lines. For instance, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church have had twenty-three presbyterial societies in Texas, and we have had three. The boundaries have been changed so that now there will be but twelve presbyterial societies. This means that every presbyterial society must be re-organized, and the time of the union of the work would be when this re-organization takes place.

The Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board will be held at Macon, Mo., immediately after ours. I have accepted an invitation to be present and tell them about our work. As soon as I return to the office, after that meeting, Mrs. Clarke, the Scretary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board, and myself, representing our Board, will send a personal letter and literature to every auxiliary and presbyterial society in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church telling them how to send their gifts, and offering to give them any help in our power. We hope, also, to send them sample

copies of the Home Mission Monthly, so that they may come in touch with the work at large. We shall have to handle these ladies very tactfully, though they are not hypersensitive; but let them see we welcome them to our ranks and that their organization is not to disappear in ours but rather to be amalgamated with ours.

We hope that when the time for re-organization comes, along presbyterial and synodical lines, that both Churches may be represented in the list of officers, and that every effort will be made to make these women feel at home.

The gifts for Home Missions may not be very large at first, but if we do our part in educating them in regard to their responsibility for the evangelization of America, we can rest sure that in time they will be as generous for Home Missions as they are for Foreign work.

Kindly let me know any problems that may arise in your field, that we may keep in touch with every phase of the question. Some of these Cumberland women are coming to us at quite a sacrifice. It means a great deal to give up a Woman's Board with which they have been associated for more than twenty-five years, and we want them to feel they are not losing their identity but that they are only coming into larger opportunities and bonor larger responsibilities.

If you want additional copies of this leaflet we can supply them in any quantity, but a copy will be sent later to every presbyterial president and to every auxiliary society.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 6, 1907.

Dr. Edgar O. Campbell,

R. F. D. #2, Santa Barbara, Cali.

Dear Dr. Campbell:-

Your letter of February 26th has been received, and our Woman's Board is greatly gratified that it will be possible for you and Mrs. Campbell to attend the Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, for the invitation includes Mrs. Campbell also. We will pay the traveling expenses for both of you, and provide entertainment in one of the homes in Columbus.

Would Mrs. Campbell be willing to speak at our Woman's Board meeting on Thursday or Friday, May 16th and 17th? Then, we would like to have you speak at the Sunday afternoon popular meeting, and perhaps Dr. Thompson will use you also on Tuesday evening, at the popular meeting of the Board of Home Missions.

We trust that you will both greatly enjoy the meeting at Columbus, and let me assure you that we will appreciate having you with us.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 7, 1907.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence:-

Your resignations were presented at the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday, and they were accepted with regret. Let me assure you that our Woman's Board appreciates the great services you have rendered to the cause of Christian education by your faithful work at the Normal and Collegiate Institute. We know that neither of you have spared yourselves in the prosecution of this work, and we shall always hold you in grateful remembrance.

We also appreciate your willingness to help Professor Childs get started in his work. He is a young man, a young man of vigor, but his sixteen years of teaching show that he is not one who expects to teach for a little time but that it is a real profession with him. His father and father-in-law are both Presbyterian ministers, so that both Professor and Mrs. Childs have been reared in Christian homes.

Let me express to you the gratitude of the Woman's Board for your years of service and our God-speed as you rest from the strenuous work of supervising a large school, but we know it will not mean you are idle in the Master's work.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole

Dictated. New York, March 8, 1907.

Mrs. Mary Richart,

Cherryvale, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Richart:-

The box work as carried on through the auxiliary missionary societies of the Woman's Board of Home Missions does not affect in any way the salary of the missionary, as his salary is fixed by Presbytery; the gifts of the women are a free will offering and are that much in advance, and in no sense are they deducted from his salary.

In regard to the valuation placed upon the things sent:- We simply ask that a just valuation be put upon things that are new, and not more than half value upon second hand articles. The reason we ask that a valuation be placed upon the articles is so we may have some idea of the kind of a box sent by the missionary society, as this is always considered when a missionary is being assigned to a society.

These boxes are a great blessing to the missionaries, as they supplement their meagre salaries, and some of them would scarcely be able to support their families if they did not receive this help. Let me emphasize again, however, that they are always in addition to their salaries, and their value is never deducted from their salaries.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 8, 1907.

Mrs. S. A. Reeder,

333 Wilton St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Reeder:-

We appreciate that while the Woman's Board does not assign boxes for ministers under the Board of Ministerial Relief, yet if societies want credit presbyterially no harm could come from it but, of course, in our books here we could keep record only of those that go to our own missionaries.

You ask me a question that I can't answer: "When shall a band cease to be called a band?" Many times they retain the name of band when they should be in the woman's society because of affection for the name, and, also, because they like to be associated in the society together. I am afraid we can do nothing in the matter, unless the society shall decide for itself to become a full fledged woman's missionary society. If they can work together we presume we will have to let them.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 7, 1907.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer,

C/o. Rev. Nathaniel McGiffen,

Holdrege, Nebraska.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

We are very glad indeed that you are able to do mission work again, and trust that you will not overdo. Do be a little carefuly of yourself and take a rest day every week. The Woman's Board appreciates too highly your services to let you break down, and you are too valuable for the Lord's work, so we want you to take care of yourself.

We have received a letter from one of the pastors in Nebraska expressing the very highest appreciation of your labors, and saying that your visit would mean larger gifts from the women of his church.

I write now in reference to the Annual Meeting. As you know, it will be held in Columbus, Ohio, May 16th and 17th, and we will want you to attend, so do not plan any meetings covering that time. I will let you know later as to the hotel, as it has not yet been decided upon.

Miss Lincoln is back in the office and is looking very well. Mrs. James is proceeding on her way, and the next address for

her will be at the Hotel Geneva, Marseilles, France. We have no idea when she will return.

These are busy days as we near the close of the fiscal year, and we are all regretting that we are $10,000 behind what we were this time last year, but hope the deficit may be made up before the books close. Expenses have been very heavy this year, due to the increased cost of living, and we must try to find a way by which we can get more money.

The letter in regard to the Cumberland work we will prepare separately, because you may want to refer to it. Of course, you have not so many Cumberland societies in your territory, but you will want to be thoroughly informed on the subject.

With a great deal of love and a prayer that you may have strength for your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 8, 1907.

Mrs. J. S. Patterson,

55 South 6th St., Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Patterson:-

Mrs. Palmer has just written us that you are appointed General Chairman of the Committees in connection with the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, May 18th to 22nd. We trust our coming may not mean a great burden upon the women's missionary societies, but that the influence of the meeting may be such that you will feel amply repaid for the labor involved.

Our meetings begin on Thursday, May 16th, at 2. P. M., and continue through all day Friday. There will be a reception to the missionaries on Saturday morning; probably a stereopticon lecture in the Central Presbyterian Church, which we understand is to be the church in which our meetings will be held, on Saturday evening; the popular meeting, at 2.30 P. M., on Sunday, in the same church; and synodical conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

We can never tell just about how many will be present, but probably not more than forty will desire entertainment in the hotel together. It has always been the custom of the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board to pay their own way, selecting some quiet hotel where they can have the use of a parlor for the

morning prayer meeting and conferences. A great many ladies attend the meeting from a distance who come with their husbands, who are Commissioners, but unless you should secure a large hotel for us, where all such can be entertained, we only are particular that you provide for the officers, the Field Secretaries, and the synodical representation, making, as I said before, about forty in all. We will be glad if we can secure board for $2.00 or $2.50 per day, but I doubt if you can do any better than that. Some of these ladies will want single rooms, but some will be content with two in a room. Can let you know later as to the number, but it has always been customary to engage single rooms for the officers of the Board, and we shall probably want ten rooms. These rooms will be for Mrs. E. A. Boole, Mrs. D. E. Finks, who will probably want a double room, as Mr. Finks is expecting to be with her, Miss S. F. Lincoln, Miss M. J. Petrie, Mrs. V. P. Boggs, Mrs. Flora D. Palmer, Miss Edith Hughes, Rev. Robert M. Craig, Miss S. C. Rue, and Miss M. Moore.

Another custom is for the woman's missionary societies to provide entertainment for such Home Missionaries as shall be in attendance. I can not tell you at this time how many there will be, but probably about a dozen. These are entertained in homes, and we always feel it is a help to our work to have them so entertained.

I will send you information later in regard to the number and kind of badges. We will want to know about how many will be in attendance before ordering them.

Kindly let me know what hymnal is used in the Central Church, so that we may know in deciding upon our hymns for the program. Also the street address of the church. So far as singing is concerned

(Mrs. Patterson, #2.)

for our meetings:- One piece of music for each of the three sessions of the Annual Meeting, and an anthem for Sunday afternoon will be sufficient. Of course, it is always well when some one can be provided to lead the congregational singing, and you will see that some one is there to play the organ.

I shall be glad to answer questions at any time, and hope you will feel free to ask any that may occur to you. I shall probably have to write you a number of times as matters come up for consideration.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated.

New York, March 8, 1907.

Mrs. L. C. Bates,

R. F. D. #2, Morrilton, Arkansas.

Dear Mrs. Bates:-

I am very sorry indeed that it will not be possible for us to supply you with any second hand clothing for the children in your community, inasmuch as your pastor is supplied through the Freedmen's Board, that ought to be sufficient.

Trusting that your missionary society may prosper and that there will come to each of you a blessing as you gather funds for the Lord's work, I am,

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1907.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Hotel Readington, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter came yesterday morning, just as the ladies were assembling for the conference. You do not know how disappointed they all were that you could not meet with us. Things looked rather dark at the beginning of the conference, but the clouds shifted and we are much gratified at the result.

Enclosed is the letter from Mr. Moody, which showed that he did not think it would be practicable to hold a conference at Northfield this summer. Then, an effort was made to gain access to the Foreign Mission ladies and see whether they would not permit us to have at least one hour a day during their sessions. Either they did not want a conference with Mrs. Coleman, of Boston, or with me here in New York, or providential obstacles were in the way, for though they knew we wanted a conference, and Miss Stafford was in New York nearly a week, and Mrs. Coleman called to see her several times in Boston, we never could make any arrangements. However, the way has opened in another direction. Mr. Michener, Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Movement, has invited us to hold a Woman's Missionary Conference at Silver Bay, July 12th to 19th; that is, at the

same time the conference of Sunday School Missionary Workers is to be held.

The committee was in session all day yesterday, and, after looking over the situation, accepted the invitation. As there will only be about three hundred delegates at the Sunday School Conference, Mr. Michener thought there would be ample room for the Home Mission workers who might attend.

You will receive a copy of the minutes of yesterday's proceedings, but I know you will be interested to know the conclusions arrived at, and so will tell you two or three things. Part of the meetings will be with the Sunday School Missionary workers, and part by ourselves. We will hold the sessions from 10.45 A. M. to 11.30 A. M., and from 11.35 A. M. to 12.30 o'clock each day by ourselves. The hour from 10.45 to 11.30 the subject will be Methods of Work, and under this we will consider Young People's Societies and Bands, as well as the work of the woman's missionary societies; the hour from 11.35 to 12.30 will be given up to Mission Study Classes, and it was voted by the ladies to have three classes. Mrs. Montgomery, of Rochester, will be invited to conduct one; you to conduct one, and Miss Crowell to conduct one for Junior and Band leaders. We knew this would interfere with your going to Northfield, and while the ladies were delighted that you had been invited to conduct a Study Class there, yet they must leave it with you whether you will be able to secure some one else for that and come to Silver Bay. Do you not think that could be brought about?

We will have an hour with missionaries on Sunday morning, from 9.30 to 10.30; and evening meetings, most of which will be united with that of the Missionary Movement. It is hoped that Commissioner

Watchorn may be secured for one meeting; Dr. Chivvers and Miss Hays will speak another; Mr. Mercer, of the Hadley Mission, the third, and the fourth evening meeting will also be Home Missions, so that all the evenings meetings will be in the interests of Home Missions, except two, and those evenings we will arrange a program of our own, with addresses by our workers.

The program is pretty well mapped out, and the ladies were here this morning talking it over. They feel quite jubilant that a real beginning was being made.

A registration fee of four dollars will be charged, two dollars of which will be paid to the Young People's Missionary Movement, inasmuch as those who attend our meetings will be admitted to certain of their meetings, and we will have the same rates at the hotel as they will have. In the evenings meetings, where we unite in the speakers, we share the expenses.

When we realize that at Winona Lake, although the woman's missionary societies have a part in the conferences, yet they have no part in the registration fee, and can only select a very few speakers, we feel that this is a long step in advance.

When you come back we will talk it all over.

We are so sorry to learn of your sister's illness, and trust that she is better by this time.

All is going on very well at the office. Mrs. Pingry, as you know, sails March 23rd; Miss Lincoln returned the first of March.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1907.

Miss Julia Fraser,

1959 West Washington St.,

Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Miss Fraser:-

No word has been received from Washington as to there being any change of plans in reference to Dr. Campbell being Government teacher at St. Lawrence Island another year. Therefore, it would not be wise to solicit funds for his salary until we had some information on that point. I will let you know just as soon as word is received.

We are so busy with the work of the closing days of the fiscal year that we can not take up the matter of a boys' dormitory at the Spanish School at Los Angeles at present, but if your ladies should decide upon taking up that work, it would be very carefully considered. However, we are so loaded down with buildings at present that it would seem as if we ought not to undertake any more.

Will you not urge the Summer Offering at all presbyterial meetings? It is for a new girls' dormitory at Wasatch Academy. We will send you leaflets just as soon as we can, but the plan is to ask every auxiliary society who gave less than $25 last year to give one dollar as a Summer Offering; societies who gave $25 to $50 to give two dollars; those who gave from $50 to $100, three dollars,

and societies who gave over$100, to give five dollars for this fund.

We shall make a great effort to push the Summer Offering for Home Missions this year, as we need six thousand dollars to complete the building at Mount Pleasant, and shall urge it all we can.

We do not know how we will come out but, of course, we can not tell until about the seventh or eighth of April.

Yours in haste,

Edd A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1907.

Mrs. W. J. Darby,

Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Darby:-

I write on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to invite you to give an address at the Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, May 17th. We think it would be well if you could give a historical sketch of the Woman's Board of your Church, telling our women something about what you have been doing, how you have gathered your funds. It is probable we can not give you more than twenty minutes, for you know the program of a day and a half is always very much crowded.

We will, of course, pay your traveling expenses. I hardly know how it will be about entertainment. We always board at a hotel at which the synodical officers are located, and inasmuch as we meet in connection with General Assembly, it is almost impossible to secure entertainment in the homes. Perhaps Dr. Darby will be provided for as a Commissioner to General Assembly. If so, you will want to be with him, but we will be glad if you are at the hotel with us, so that you may be able to get into the very heart of things and attend all the conferences and committee meetings. We anticipate with pleasure having you with us.

Your son called upon us yesterday on business, and I told him I was just about to write you. He said to tell you that he had been in, and he looked well and prosperous.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 14, 1907.

Mrs. George Singleton,

23 Prospect St., Dover, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Singleton:-

Your letter to Miss Rue, asking for leaflets in regard to your special objects in the Home field, has been received. I presume you mean in reference to the work at Good Will, South Dakota, the work in Alaska, and the work at New Jersey Academy. We are glad to send you leaflets on these three objects, and also one about our special needs in our mission schools, and "Maintaining a Standard," which has been the rally call for the year 1907. While we do not feel we can send many of these in large quantities, except "Maintaining a Standrad," we will send you a sufficient samples to help you instruct the women in regard to the work. Let us know how many you want.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 20, 1907.

Mrs. C. P. Noyes,

89 Virginia Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Noyes:-

Your letter in reference to Miss Novak has been received, and we do appreciate all your kindnesses to her.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on yesterday we considered her condition, and it was decided to put her on half pay as long as she lived, and it is to be paid to her from the Emergency Fund. I have written her to that effect, so that it may not be necessary for you to do as much for her as you had expected. I hope we can make this at the rate of $250 per year, although the action yesterday was for half pay, but I find she only receives $300 per year and $150 would not supply her with necessities. It is a good thing for the Ladies' Aid Society, for whom she has done so much, to do something for her, and it will be a blessing to them. We hope they may continue to pay her house rent and what she receivesfrom us may help in the payment of her nurse and food. We know you will not see her suffer, even though the amount she receives from the Emergency Fund may not be sufficient. We are so thankful you are looking after her, and we pray she may be spared long suffering. It is doubtful, since the disease has attacked her intestines, whether she will last very long.

I rather think we will have to make a change the coming year in reference to the condition upon which speakers are sent out. Two years ago, at the Annual Meeting, it was recommended that the offering taken at all meetings addressed by Home Mission speakers be credited to the Building and Repair Fund assigned synodical societies. We find that in some instances our speakers have felt perfectly satisfied with their work if the offerings have been sufficient to cover traveling expenses. The Woman's Board has, accordingly, paid out their salaries and their traveling expenses, while the money received from the offerings has been tied up in the Building and Repair Fund. Accordingly, we will go to the Annual Meeting with a recommendation that this plan be changed, and that some way be worked out which will make the speakers' department more nearly self-supporting. Naturally we feel that this must be done, inasmuch as the probabilities are that we will have to report a deficit at the close of the fiscal year. Expenses in the schools have so increased that some advance must be made somewhere.

If the Foreign Board can ask ten dollars for Foreign Mission speakers, and can send one out every other year, we certainly ought to be able to secure some fixed contribution from our societies, if we alternate with them in sending a speaker into a synod. There are hardly enough workers available for this kind of work for us to be able to cover a synod every year, and yet we will do the best we can when societies request it. All these matters will come up at the Annual Meeting. Looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to seeing you there, I am,

Yours with love.

Edna A. Hoyt,

Dictated. New York, March 20, 1907.

Mrs. Emma Sims Hertzog,

83 North Gallatin Ave.,

Uniontown, Penna.

Dear Mrs. Hertzog:-

We are very glad to send you sample copies of the Home Mission Monthly, that you may know something about the official organization of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. We enclose a copy of the agreement entered into between the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board and our own, so that you will see that this agreement is very simple.

We will be glad to have just as many of the Cumberland Presbyterian ladies attend our Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, as may care to do so. The meetings will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, beginning at noon on Thursday, May 16th, and continuing all day May 17th. There will be other meetings to follow, as the reception to the missionaries on Saturday morning; a stereopticon lecture on Saturday evening; a popular meeting on Sunday afternoon, and Synodical Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons; these last two are for synodical officers only.

I am expecting to be at Macon, Mo., at your Annual Meeting the following week; and we expect Mrs. Darby to give an address at our meeting in Columbus. Our dates are one week before the Macon

meeting, but you will greatly enjoy the sessions of General Assembly.

Woman's Work for Woman is published at this same address, but their offices are on the eighth floor, while ours are on the seventh.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 20, 1907.

Mrs. J. K. Mitchell,

396 Putnam Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:-

We will be glad to send you another one of the officers' blanks, and will be greatly rejoiced if Detroit Presbyterial shows a gain in receipts. The closing days if the fiscal year are always anxious ones, and this year we are fearful of having a deficit of about $20,000. We need to pray much for the money to meet this need.

I trust you may have a very successful Annual Meeting at Mt. Clemens, and know that Mrs. McCrea will be a great help to you.

With hearty appreciation of all your services as Secretary, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, March 22, 1907.

Mrs. M. C. Righter,

Hyattsville, Md.

Dear Mrs. Righter:-

We are in receipt of your communication containing the Memorial to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in reference to caring for our Missionaries who have served the Woman's Board for at least twenty years. Let me say that such provision is now made by the Board of Ministerial Relief, and that at present there are two or three of our missionaries in the Merrian Home, Newton, New Jersey, and several others are receiving help from the Board. No request made by our Board has ever been refused.

The reason we make the plea for an Emergency Fund is not for teachers who are to retire from our work but for teachers who have broken down in service, so that the year on half pay, or the special help, will enable them to do further service.

You ask what is to be done with the large, full blank of the report. Last year when we sent out the blanks we told the secretaries that it would save them extra trouble if they preserved the blanks received from auxiliary societies, keeping them on file. Then, they would need to make out a large blank to send to the synodical secretary, sending a summary to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and keep a summary to file with the blanks. Some secretaries prefer to make a large blank for themselves, in which case we are glad

to send the blank for that purpose, but others complain of the large amount of work required, and we tell them to do simply as directed, namely, file the blanks.

About the young women's work:- We do not count that as being under the secretary of young people. All the money from young women's societies comes directly to the Woman's Board through the presbyterial treasurer, but money from the C. E. Societies comes through the presbyterial treasurer but is divided between the Board and the Woman's Board. The same is true of the Sunday schools now, but the money from bands all comes to the Woman's Board.

The reason we do not send the yellow blanks for young women's societies to the young people's secretary is because we want them to go directly to the young women's societies. We knew that the young people's work is somewhat different in different presbyteries, secretary and young people's secretary must divide the work between them so that the confusion will be eliminated when the blanks are returned to you.

Cordially yours

Ellen C. Beals.

Dictated. New York, March 25, 1907.

Mrs. A. B. Park,

33 East Church St.,

Adrain, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Park:-

I am very sorry to say that we haven't any large amount of printed material about the work in Porto Rico. I can give you a few points which may help you in the preparation of your paper, and I will have some reports sent you from the School Department.

The hospital was opened in February, 1904. It was begun because Dr. Grace Atkins found in her work as a medical missionary that if she would do good work there must be some place where the patients could be brought and cared for. Accordingly, the young people of the church were asked to give their money, but the need became so apparent that a general appeal was sent forth, with the result that in 1904 the hospital was opened, there being at that time three buildings - the Administration building, the Charity building or Endeavor Hall, and the Dispensary. Since that time two additional buildings have been erected, one a Home for the nurses, and the other the kitchen. The superintendent's home also forms a part of the buildings, being a little at one side.

The hospital is at San Turce, a suburb of San Juan, and is reached by a four mile ride on the trolley, or by a drive along the Military Road.

While we have been unable to supply all the things that are necessary for the hospital yet, so far as it goes it is well equipped, and has made a great reputation for itself because of its surgical work. Many remarkable surgical operations have been performed there.

Dr. E. Raymond Hildreth, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the superintendent of the medical work; Miss Jennie Ordway is the superintendent of the hospital, and there are four American nurses. There is a Training Class for Porto Rican girls, varying in size from eight to twelve. This is a very important part of the work, because there is such need of trained nurses in Porto Rico.

The Dispensary is open every day from nine to twelve o'clock, people coming from a distance to attend it, and sometimes the physician attends to forty or fifty patients a day, and sometimes there are there by three o'clock in the morning, waiting to be cared for.

Dr. Hildreth is a real missionary, and important as he counts the medical work, he counts the missionary work of vastly more importance.

We have been trying for some time to get a leaflet about the hospital but it has been delayed on account of some changes that were taking place there. Perhaps this information, in addition to what you will get from the reports and from the back numbers of the Home Mission Monthly, will meet your need.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Doole.

Dictated. New York, March 25, 1907.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson,

1807 Vine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Jackson:-

We were indeed glad to receive your letter telling that Dr. Jackson had stood the operation well and was doing as well as could be expected. Will you not let us know how he is now?

Some of us have passed through similar experiences in our own home, and we know how much anxiety comes after the operation for fear further complications may arise. May you and your daughter have strength according to your need.

We have forwarded Dr. Jackson's letter to Mrs. James, who is still traveling around the world.

Dr. Jackson has been remembered several times at our noon prayer meeting, and our ladies have expressed the highest appreciation of his life and work.

While the matter has not been definitely brought before the Woman's Board as yet, it is probable that if Salt Lake Collegiate Institute is sold, and a boys' dormitory erected at Westminister College, that it will be named Jackson Hall in honor of Dr. Jackson.

Remember us all very kindly to Dr. Jackson and tell him we are praying for him.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward A Brooks.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. D. M. Cooper,

1015 Jefferson Ave.,

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:-

Miss Rue has referred your letter in regard to a Home Mission Study Class to me. We will have a conference on the subject next Tuesday, and will decide about a Study Class book for the following year. The subject selected by the Young People's Missionary Movement for next year is The Cities, and I understand now that the book is to be written by Dr. Josiah Strong.

There is a difficulty in our recommending this book to our societies, for we have spent a great deal of time in some places teaching our workers that work for City mission was not Home Mission work as defined by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Interdenominational Committee of Woman's Missionary Societies is issuing a book which will be entitled "Citizens of Tomorrow." We have not seen the book and hesitate to recommend it without seeing it, so that it would seem if you must recommend a study class book to societies at your presbyterial meetings, you would better recommend to them Immigration, using "Aliens of Americans" or "Incoming Millions." So few societies in the Presbyterian Church had study classes last year that we do not believe it would make a

great deal of confusion if we recommend the same book this year as last.

The topic for two years from now, 1908-09, will probably be "The Frontier," which is a subject which we will be able to recommend to our societies, but for the coming year we would better stick to the subject of Immigration. Should any decision be reached at our conference on Tuesday, I will let you know.

Yours with love

Ella A. Boole

Dictated.

New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. Robert Davidson,

620 Salem Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Davidson:-

Mrs. Tracy, as you know, went to the Mountain Field, to visit some of the schools, and at the meeting of the Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday it was decided that she should be given opportunity to tell what she had seen. This will, necessarily, curtail the time of the chairmen of other committees, but those who were present said they would gladly relinquish their time, for, if they ever had the opportunity to visit their fields, they knew the courtesy would be extended to them.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. Dee F. Clarke,

Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:-

We are right in the rush of the fiscal year and must confess that means a little more anxiety than usual, as our receipts are not quite up to what they were a year ago. So many things have occurred this year to divert funds, especially in connection with the San Francisco disaster, that we fear a deficit of at least $20,000. However, you know we never can tell until the last minute, and we shall hope for the best.

I do hope nothing will prevent your attending our Annual Meeting in Columbus. The prospects now are for a good attendance, and we are working on the program. Our headquarters are to be at "The Northern," Goodale and High Sts., and, of course, we will want you to be there with us. Do plan to come, even if you can only stay from Thursday over Sunday.

We will be glad to send you two hundred fifty copies of the agreement between your Board and ours; and we are planning that the Annual Meeting number of the Home Mission Monthly shall be sent to all auxiliary societies. I do not see how we can - either one of us - have much time to prepare a letter on the subject of the union

of the week until after we get through with our Annual Meetings. Of course, if you want more copies of the slip, "An Important Conference," we will send them.

We moved into our new house yesterday, and every muscle of my body hurts to-day. I am afraid I am more accustomed to labor with my brain than with my hands, but when one is moving home on the latter has to be done also. We had a beautiful day, and it seemed very nice to be in a house by ourselves once more. My daughters are delighted.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

March 28th,

Mrs. D. E. Finks,
East Orange, N. J.
Dear Mrs. Finks:-

Will you not plan to remain on Tuesday afternoon for a conference, at two o'clock, in reference to the program for the Annual Meeting and one or two other matters that ought to be considered?

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. James L. Hill,

225 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hill:-

Your two letters received this morning, as I was not in the office yesterday.

I went upstairs and talked the matter over with Mr. Diffenderfer, and he feels, as we do, that it would be too much to pay Prof. Steiner and suggests that we soure the services of Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D. Dr. Thompson, as you doubtless know, is the Secretary of our Board of Home Missions here in New York; he is a wonderful speaker, and as Dr. Arthur J. Brown is to preach the following morning, it would give us fine standing, for we would have exactly the same audience, and Dr. Thompson could present the whole field of Home Missions as preliminary to the work of the next day. I spoke to Dr. Thompson, to find out whether he would be willing to go if invited, and he said he would think about it. Now, what do you think about it?

I also spoke to Miss Crowell in reference to her talking on the Young People's Work, but she feels that her experiences along that line would simply be along the line of young women's missionary societies and that if she goes she will have all she can do in looking

after her study class. Can you not get some one from another Board to present that work? There are already a good many Presbyterians on the program, and if you do take Dr. Thompson for Saturday night that would mean another one.

I hope you may hear from Mrs. Montgomery very soon. I have been working on a little flyer, to be sent out immediately, but have been delayed by waiting for some things to be secured from the Young People's Missionary Movement. I can get the document in shape now, and will have it printed the first of the week. My thought was to print the hours without giving the names of the speakers, simply giving a general plan of the dailyexercises. If the whole program will be ready to send out within a couple of weeks, do you think it would be well to hold up this flyer until we can publish the program entire? Of course, that would mean the sending out of only one leaflet, and the rest of our advertising we could do through the religious press. Let me know about this, and I will wait until Monday to put the leaflet, after it is in shape, in the hands of the printer.

I note that you have no leader for the second study course on Immigration. It does seem as if it would be wise to have three study classes at the same time.

I think Mrs. Bennett has sent you a name, but let me suggest now that you secure some one from another denomination, as it would be well to have other denominations represented in the study class work, if possible..

Should you and Mrs. Coleman insist upon Dr. George, of Burlington, Vt., for the address on Saturday night it would be all right with me, but perhaps you could secure him for the closing meet-

(Mrs. Hill, #2)

ing, Thursday night, as it would not be possible to secure Mr. Thompson for any other time except Saturday night. It is very hard for Board Secretaries to be away through the week.

I know this has meant a great deal of work for you, and congratulat you that the program is so nearly worked out.

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Beale.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. W. H. Honeyman,

Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Honeyman:-

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that we have arranged for the Presbyterial Presidents in New Jersey.

Be sure to remain for the afternoon on Tuesday of next week, as we have a great deal of business to come up.

The couch has arrived and it is fine: you and Miss Lincoln did well.

Yours with love,

E d a. Beale.

Dictated. New York, March 29, 1907.

Mrs. George W. Coleman,

177 West Brookline St.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

Might you not write to Mr. Moody making formal application for a time at Northfield during the summer of 1908, urging that it be either just before or just following the Foreign Missionary Conferences. Should he suggest in further correspondence that our meetings be held at the same time, just state the situation by excusing the foreign ladies as having the hours fully filled with foreign work. Say to him that if he is coming to New York or Boston, if it would not inconvenience him, our Committee would be glad to have a conference with him in reference to this, but that we so feel the importance of such a conference at Northfield that we beg his careful consideration of the advisability of finding a place for us. I am sure you will be able to express it in such a way that he will see the reasonableness of your request,

As plans for these meetings are made so far in advance, you can excuse that on the ground that you want him to have it in mind before definite dates are supplied for the coming year.

Very cordially yours,

Ethel M. Dodge.

Dicted. New York, April 1, 1907.

My Thomas J. Peed,

9. Bluff View, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr Mrs. Peed:-

I was glad to receive your letter, and note the condi-
ions so far as the Cumberlands holding their presbyterials alone.
think it would be an excellent idea if Miss Hughes could attend
heir presbyterial meeting at Soddy; it would introduce her to them,
nd wherever they have heard her they are delighted with her. I do
not blame the Cumberland women for wanting to hold their spring pres-
byterials alone, because it is practically the last meeting they will
have by themselves.

While, of course, you could hold elections at your spring meetings, yet when the two societies come together, new elections ought to be held, so that whether you elect or not the first united meeting ought to be a place where new officers will be arranged for, inasmuch as both societies ought to be represented in the official list.

We do not at all insist upon a separate treasurer for Home and Foreign Mission work, but we felt that if a secretary for Home and a secretary for Foreign work were appointed it would give the Home work a little better chance.

We are considering the matter of an industrial school at Huntsville, Tenn., but it can not be decided for a few days, for there are some complications in the way that must be adjusted before the final decision is reached.

I hope your spring presbyterials may be profitable and that the work may show an advance.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated.

New York, April 2, 1907.

Mr. Morris K. Jesup,

16 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Mr. Jesup:-

In reference to the program for Saturday night at Silver Bay:- Dr. Thompson will be glad to come, so that you can plan for his being there; and this is acceptable to our ladies.

It is probable that the Woman's Missionary Society of the Reformed-Dutch Church will unite with us in our plans for Silver Bay.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Secretary.

Dictated. New York, April 1, 1907.

Mrs. James L. Hill,

225 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Hill:-

I called up the ladies of the Reformed Church Board this morning and they were greatly pleased to be invited to have a part in the Conference at Silver Bay. They will pay their twenty-five dollars, and wondered why they had not been invited before. I told them that oversight must have occurred because the original call was sent out from Boston, where so little was known of the work of the Reformed Church Boards; and I took the liberty of saying to them that we would like to have them furnish some one for the program, and as the only place vacant was the discussion of Young People's Work - and I presumed you had not decided upon any one - asked them if they had any one whom they could suggest. They said they would have some one, and seemed greatly pleased that they had a chance to do this. I hope I have not exceeded my authority, but I did not want them to feel that they would not be represented in the program, and they have a good many strong churches in the Hudson River valley and will doubtless have a number of representatives at the meeting.

I also saw Dr. Thompson and the representative of the Young People's Missionary Movement, and [illegible] Thompson will speak on Saturday evening.

Dictated. New York, April 2, 1907.

Mrs. Charles W. Coleman,

75 Winona Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

The time of General Assembly is near at hand, and we are looking foward with pleasure to meeting the synodical officers at the Annual Meeting.

All our meetings will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, Corner Third & Chapel Sts., Columbus, Ohio. As last year, we will begin our sessions on Thursday afternoon and continue Friday, May 16th and 17th. The usual meetings will follow, viz., the reception to missionaries on Saturday morning; the stereopticon lecture, Saturday evening; the popular meeting, on Sunday afternoon, and the synodical conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

You will note that we will have a longer time this year for the conferences, which are very important; and at the synodical roll call the representatives of synodical societies will be asked to tell what has contributed to their advance this year, and also of their most successful methods. These, as you know, are always profitable sessions, and we hope you can be present.

The headquarters of the Women's Board will be at The Northorn, Goodale & High Sts., Columbus, Ohio, and the price is two dollars

per day, American plan. Mrs. A. B. Adair, 1003 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio, is Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

Let us know by April 16th, if possible, whether you can attend, and if you can not come who will represent your synodical society. We trust, however, that nothing may prevent your coming yourself.

Faithfully yours,

Ellen A. Fowler

Dictated. New York, April 3, 1907.

Mrs. George W. Coleman,

177 West Brookline St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

The enclosed is an agreement received from Mr. Michener in regard to our going to Silver Bay. I have acknowledged its receipt and said that I had forwarded it to you, but perhaps it would be well for you to write him also in regard to it, as you are the Chairman of the Committee.

I have placed the copy of the "flyer" in the hands of the printer this morning, and will get it out just as soon as I can. I want to have two cuts on it - one a typical view of Silver Bay, and the other a picture of the hotel. This will help advertise, and, of course, we want everything to draw the people there that we can. I am trying to get these cuts from the Y. M. C. A., and am writing them to-day in regard to them. We will have an issue of ten thousand copies of the "flyer," and having the plates made can have a reprint at any time.

Miss Guernsey is in Ocean Grove, working on her book, so that the burden of this devolves upon me, and I can not take time to write Mrs. Donnelly in regard to details.

Dr. Chivers is in the hospital, having undergone a slight operation, but I have written him in regard to the Study Class and

have also written the ladies of the Reformed Board asking them to send the name of the one who will present Young People's Work, that we may include her name in the program.

I have to go away for two or three days next week and would like to have this all ready before I leave.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, April 3, 1907.

Dr. E. E. Chivers,

Hahneman Hospital, City.

Dear Dr. Chivers:-

I write on behalf of the Interdenominational Committee for Home Mission Conferences to ask if you would be willing to conduct 4 Mission Study Class on "Aliens or Americans," at Silver Bay, N. Y., July 12th to 18th.

The Woman's Home Missionary Societies are to hold a conference there parallel with the Conference Sunday Schools and Missions. The Study Class will be at 11.45 o'clock each day, and there will be two other Study Classes - one on "Citizens of To-morrow," and the other on "Coming Americans," to be taught by Miss Crowell. We hope that Mrs. Montgomery, of Rochester, will conduct the one on "Citizens of To-morrow."

We are informed by Mr. Ehnes that you are expecting to be present at the Sunday School Conference, and as you have conducted classes all winter on this subject of Immigration, it was the request of the Committee that you be asked to do this, provided it would not interfere with work you had already planned for the other Conference. An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Hoping that you will soon be entirely recovered, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 8, 1907.

Mrs. J. W. Bell,

1004 Nineteenth St.,

Parkersburg, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Bell:-

Miss Emma A. Jackson, Jarrolds Valley, West Va., can give you full information in regard to the school at Lawson, West Va. It was started, however, about 1902; it was destroyed by fire just about a year ago. Not only were the buildings burned but two little girls, who were asleep on the second floor, were burned to death. We had about three thousand dollars in insurance, and additional funds have been raised, so that a new building is being erected which will furnish a most comfortable Home for about twenty-five mountain girls.

In addition to this, a Miss Stockdale, of Washington, Penna., has given the money with which to erect a chapel school house, which will be a memorial to her mother, "Pattie C. Stockdale," so that we will have the two buildings - "Priscilla Home," named for Miss Priscilla Spencer, a former missionary at Acme, West Va., and the "Stockdale School."

While I think there is a little money lacking to complete the building fund, the special needs just now are furntiture, carpets, bedding, an organ, kitchen utensils, and everything that will make

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possible a well equipped Home. Of course, money can purchase all these things, so that unless the donors desire to purchase the things themselves, it would save freight to let us do the purchasing, and then all the things could be sent at one time and we would know just what we would have.

The workers in the school will be one teacher, one matron who will have charge of the housekeeping, and it is probable that Mr. Hall will be retained to look after the outside work in connection with the school.

We have no printed matter in regard to Lawson, because the school was only fairly under way when it was burned. The women of West Virginia have loyally supported the work and have given a good sum this year toward the building fund, but the new building will cost not far from $7,500; $6,000 for the "Priscilla Home," and $1,500 for the "Stockdale School."

With hearty appreciation of all that your women have done, and urging that you still continue to help, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Dictated. New York, April 3, 1907.

Miss Anna C. White,

The Pilgrim, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Miss White:-

Your letter received this morning, and we are glad to know of the special work you are doing in the Sunday school.

I have asked Miss Rue, of our Literature Department, to send you literature in regard to the Asheville Farm School and also a book of photographs, which we must ask you to return. I hope they may reach you in time for Sunday.

The work among the negro boys and girls is not under the Woman's Board, but under the care of the Freedmen's Board at Pittsburgh, Penna., and I can give you no information in regard to their work.

I have also asked Miss Rue to send you something in regard to the Pima Indians, inasmuch as you speak of assuming the support of a native teacher or worker. Rev. Charles H. Cook has carried on a wonderful work among the Pima Indians, having organized seven Presbyterian Churches, with a membership of more than twelve hundred Indians. He has three native helpers. The salary of one of these is not taken; it is $120 a year. Would your class be able to raise as much as that? Of course, he would be your own representative, and the best we could do for you in the way of reports would be to copy

what is sent here and send it on to you, for Indians are not very good correspondents.

Should you desire something different from this, let me suggest that you support a bed in the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. This would cost you $120.00 a year, if you can raise the full amount, or ten dollars a month for every month you take it. You could take a bed in the Woman's Ward or in the Children's Ward.

Of course, I can give you no information in regard to the Foreign work; you must apply to the Foreign Board for that.

Praying that you may be greatly blessed as you present the needs of the mission field, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole,

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Mrs. George S. Humphrey,

Bement Ave., West New Brighton, S. I.

Dear Mrs. Humphrey:-

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to inform you that you have been appointed a member of the Indian Committee, of which Mrs. J. E. McAfee, 601 West 142nd St., City, is chairman. She will probably give you some correspondence in regard to the Indian field, and we are sure you will greatly enjoy coming in personal touch with the workers there.

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Mrs. D. E. Finks,

East Orange, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Finks:-

Some changes were made in the committees on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. S. F. Hallock and Mrs. H. Lindeman have been added to the Ways and Means Committee.

Mrs. T. D. Arthur is to be placed on the Alaskan Committee; Mrs. S. F. Hallock on the Committee on Foreigners; Mrs. G. S. Humphrey on the Indian Committee; Mrs. H. G. Mendenhall on the Mountaineer Committee, and Mrs. C. N. Payne on the Porto Rico and Cuba Committee.

I do not know whether you can make these changes this month or not, but make them as soon as you can conveniently do so.

Another matter:- At the conference on Tuesday afternoon it was decided to ask you to preside at the Wednesday afternoon Conference, at the Annual Meeting, (May 22nd), when practical questions will be discussed. So many important questions bearing upon the work come up each year, and we will have a list to put in your hands, as well as those which the women will send in. I am sure you will consent to do this. We got the program well under way, and I hope to have it in shape for final approval on Tuesday.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Rev. Vaclav Losa,

Coraopolis, Penna.

Dear Mr. Losa:-

I write on behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to ask you to speak for fifteen minutes at our meeting, which will be held at Columbus, Ohio, May 16th and 17th. Your address will probably come on the afternoon of May 16th, and we can give you fifteen minutes. We would like to have you talk in regard to the Opportunitues for Work among the Foreigners, and the Specific Work Women can do.

We have always regretted that you were crowded off the program at the Annual Meeting at Winona Lake, but it was something we could not avoid.

If you are not a Commissioner or expecting to be at Columbus, the Woman's Board will pay your traveling expenses from Pittsburgh to Columbus and return, and will secure entertainment for you in one of the homes during the time you are there.

With hearty appreciation of your work, and praying that we may help open the doors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ella C. Poole,

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Mrs. Dee F. Clarke,

Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Clarke:-

Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be able to meet you at Walnut, N. C., for their Commencement, April 24th, but I do not see how I can possibly get away at that time. Mrs. Gildersleeve and Miss Petrie are both away attending presbyterial meetings, and Miss Lincoln and I are here alone, and, because of Mrs. James' absence, the work of preparing for the Annual Meeting largely devolves upon me, and there are so many details that it would be an utter impossibility to get away.

Mr. Craig is just as busy as he can be, too, and I question whether he could get away, but we could have either Miss Frances L. Goodrich, who has charge of the work in the Laurel Country, or Miss Julia E. Phillips, who has charge of the work at Hot Springs, N. C., meet you there, and I know you would be very glad to meet these workers. I hope you may be able to visit some of our mission stations, also, because it would give you plenty of material with which to talk before the people, and we know you are interested in all the mountain work.

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Miss Buck's explanation has been received and it is perfectly satisfactory to all of us. Mr. Craig was not satisfied until it came, but it is all right now. I do not know whether he has written her, but if he has not done so, he will write her that she will be retained in service, and we were pleased with the spirit in which she wrote. She had not returned her traveling expenses until very recently, neither had we ever received a sufficient explanation from her standpoint as to why she left, but it has come out all right, and we are quite sure that no further misunderstandings will occur.

It is too bad there must be so many changes this year, but I presume it can not be helped. When do you want us to take over that work? Do you want to keep it until July 1st, or would you rather keep it until September 1st? Of course, when we take it over finally it means our payment of the bills, and yet we will receive no money for Home Missions until after July 1st, for you remember that is part of our agreement.

We are partially settled in our new home, and yet during these busy days at the office, it is not easy to do much evenings. However, we will get fixed up after a time, and on the surface we look all right.

My report must be written and ready for the Woman's Board by Tuesday of next week, and I have not written a single line, so you see I have enough before me during these remaining days.

I am so glad you are to go to Walnut, and be sure to stay long enough to visit some of the other schools as well.

Yours with love,

Ella C. Doole.

Dictated. New York, April 5, 1907.

Mrs. C. M. Rexford,

10 Massey Ave., Watertown, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Rexford:-

Your letter received, and we are glad that you have been able to give as much as you have for the Wasatch Academy. We have made that the special object for the Summer Offering this year, and hope that we will receive from those offerings all that will be needed to complete the building. Therefore, we will give you a new object for your building fund this year, namely, $100.00 for the new building to be erected at Mayaguez, Porto Rico. This is where the best school in Porto Rico is located, and it is called the Colegio Americano. It is a high grade school, beginning with the primary department and continuing through all the High School departments. The better class of Porto Ricans attend the school, but it is absolutely essential that we have a good building and a teachers' home. These will cost not far from $20,000. It seems a large sum of money to raise, and yet if all our women help, we can get the money, and we hope you may be able to secure your full apportionment.

The $350 for Menaul School at Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be continued as the regular work for the presbyterial society, and, as an advance is expected every year, we will continue the fifteen per cent. advance, but this year will ask that it be placed in

the General Fund. The cost of living has increased fully thirty-three and one-third per cent., and this has affected our boarding schools so that the expenses there are much heavier than ever before, and as all additional expenses are drawn from the General Fund, we are quite sure that our ladies will understand that when we ask for a fifteen per cent. advance for the General Fund it is needed as much as any other special work we might give to them.

I wish your Young Woman's Society might be induced to give something for Home Missions as defined by the General Assembly, namely, for mission work among the exceptional people of our country. The local work is, of course, important, and we appreciate that, but it would be educational for the young women if they could assume a scholarship in one of the mission schools. Do you not think they might be induced to take one at Tucson, Arizona? A scholarship there would be $50.00 a year, and would make it possible for either a Pima or Papago boy or girl to attend the school throughout the entire year. The work among the Pimas and Papagoes is exceedingly interesting, and in the Indian numbers of the Home Mission Monthly of recent years you will find a good many things about them that will attract the attention of the young ladies. See what you can do about it.

Very cordially yours,

Lilla A. Brooke.

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Mrs. Paul Raymond,

Boulder, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Raymond:-

I am always glad to receive your letters, and to receive the message from your mother.

These closing days of the fiscal year means pretty busy times for those of us who are in the office, but it is just such letters as yours that makes the work seem easy. Let me congratulate you on the splendid showing for the year, and to say that if you have any money after your pledges are met, it is just as acceptable in the General Fund as any place else, and, in fact, it is particularly needed there, for all deficiencies have to be made up from the General Fund, and because of the increased cost of living there have been an unusual number of deficiencies in the amounts necessary to pay the bills for the boarding schools.

We will be very glad to use $30.00 of the $44.00 above all your pledges for salaries to make Miss Glassey a life member of the Board. Miss Glassey has served so long and so faithfully as a part of the presbyterial and synodical work in Colorado that she will appreciate this thoughtfulness on your part, and it is just in line with what we are doing constantly.

We are delighted that you want your apportionment increased for the coming year, and will see that you have plenty to do. Would you like to take a scholarship in some field, or would you prefer the support of a bed in the San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico? Scholarships range in price from fifty to one hundred dollars per year, while the support of a bed in the hospital is $120 per year. Please let us know which of these you would like as your extra.

Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Woman's Board, and we are greatly pleased that she has been helping the work. We felt sure that she would, for she is a consecrated woman, and traveling, as she does with her husband, means opportunities for helping just a little.

Our great desire in this work is that when societies are organized as Home and Foreign Mission Societies they give equal prominence to both. Of course, the Freedmen's work is not to be considered as a part of the Home work, for it is under a separate Board, though we do not want to do any one an injustice, but we felt more prominence was given to the Foreign work than to the Home work but we may be mistaken, and if we are, we are glad of it. We always like to be perfectly fair, and felt that the very name implied that our societies should do as much for the one as for the other.

We have just moved into a new home in the suburbs of Brooklyn, and are greatly enjoying living in a house once more. Emma's health is better than it was a few years ago. The girls are well, Florence will graduate at Adelphi College in June, and hopes to teach next year; Emily is doing splendidly, teaching in the High School in Brooklyn.

With love to your father and mother and kind regards to Mr. Raymond, I am,

Lovingly yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 4, 1907.

Miss Julia E. Phillips,

Hot Springs, N. C.

Dear Miss Phillips:-

Mrs. Dee F. Clarke, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, is expecting to visit the mountain field the latter part of April, and will attend the Commencement exercises at Barnard, N. C., April 24th. Mrs. Clarke is a charming woman, but has never visited any of the mission schools before. As you know, the Barnard work will come to us the next fiscal year, and there are some changes to be made in the management, and perhaps in the teachers.

As you are a member of the Committee from French Broad Presbytery, I write to ask if it would be possible for you to go over to Barnard and meet Mrs. Clarke there, going over the work with her, and making suggestions to them especially in regard to the store room and the conduct of the school work.

The Misses Buck are there, and they will probably remain. They are considered quite efficient, but a good many other changes will take place in the working force another year. Do all you can to help Mrs. Clarke get an inside view of the work there, or in any other stations, so that she can make recommendations in regard to changes in the work later when it comes under our care, or perhaps you can let us know your suggestions.

I know you are very busy, and while I hesitate to ask you to do anything extra, yet this is so important that it is worth taking time to do.

With kind regards to your sister and Miss Pond and the other workers at Hot Springs, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

At the meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday, the recommendation of the Com from French Broad Presbytery was adopted with the exception that if any teacher particularly requested clothing for distribution may be sent, that means that you can continue your Storeroom

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Dictated. New York, April 5, 1907.

Mr. M. W. Ehnes,

156 Fifth Ave., City.

Dear Mr. Ehnes:-

I brought up the matter of an outline for the consideration of The Frontier at a meeting of the joint conference this morning, and our people all felt that without going into a full consideration of the matter they could not give an outline, but four topics were suggested that may be helpful to some one in working out the subject:

1. Gradual movement of the frontier from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
2. The actual frontier.
3. Opportunites: The Church, the mission school, the Christian College.
4. Problems and perplexities.

We also talked a little about an author for the book, and it was said that Dr. Sheldon Jackson would be the very best one who could be secured, if he was physically able to do the work. He is now ill in the hospital, but we hope he may be able to leave before long. He has had so much experience in frontier life that no one could write a more readable book than he, but whether he would be able to adapt it for study class work is another question.

I had already conferred with Mr. Diffenderfer about Dr. Thompson's speaking on Saturday evening at Silver Bay, so presume that will be all right.

Sincerely yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 8, 1937.

Mrs. V. G. Burtis,

Westfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Burtis:-

Mrs. F. C. Arthur, 285 Jefferson Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., who has recently been made a member of the Woman's Board, has been placed upon the Alaskan Committee. Will you kindly assign her some teacher with whom she can correspond, or give her some work to do that will mean a personal touch with our work?

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 6, 1907.

Mrs. W. J. Matthews,

606 Guadalupe St., Austin, Texas.

Dear Mrs. Matthews:-

The time approaches for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, which will be held May 16th and 17th, in the Central Presbyterian Church, Third & Chapel Sts., Columbus, Ohio. You will note that as we begin at noon on Thursday our Annual Meeting will continue for a day and a half. This will be followed by the reception to the missionaries on Saturday morning; the stereopticon lecture, Saturday evening; the popular meeting on Sunday afternoon, and the synodical conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. At these conferences questions pertaining to the work of the Woman's Board will be discussed, and at the synodical roll call the representatives from the synodical societies will have an opportunity to tell what has contributed to their advance this year, and also of their most successful methods.

We hope it may be possible for you, as well as the synodical president, to be present at the Annual Meeting, but in the event that neither of you can be there, will you kindly furnish your delegate with the necessary information, that your synodical society may be rightly represented?

The headquarters of the Woman's Board will be The Northern, Goodale & High Sts., Columbus, Ohio, and the price is two dollars per day, American plan. Mrs. A. B. Adair, 1003 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio, is Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

The president of the synodical society is, ex-officio, a Vice-President of the Woman's Board, and the synodical society may nominate one vice-president if it has one hundred fifty or less auxiliary societies, and an additional vice-president for every additional one hundred fifty auxiliary societies. If there are to be any changes in the list from your synodical society kindly send in the nominations before the Annual Meeting, that they may be confirmed.

Anticipating with pleasure seeing you at Columbus, and asking your prayers for the success of the meeting, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Ellen Brook

Dictated. New York, April 10, 1907.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

We are very glad that you are to be at Columbus and will attend all the meetings, and will consider your desire to let you off from preparing a report of the meetings for any paper this year.

The receipts for the month of March are all in, though we can not tell just how we will stand, but think we will not have to report a debt. It is wonderful the deliverances that come at the last minute!

In regard to the Cumberland work:- I presume, as our agreement with them covers their receiving money until the first of July, that their societies would better report to their own officers until that time, but you will probably have to adjust matters in each presbytery, with the distinct understanding that after July 1, 1907, each one of their societies is to make a contribution for Home Missions, to be sent through their presbyterial treasurer to Miss Lincoln. Of course, if there is re-organization along presbyterial lines, the re-organization of our presbyterial work ought to be carried on at the same time. You see, their societies have been giving thirty-five cents a quarter as dues, and when they asked that the money be sent

them during the last quarter of the year, it means thirty-five cents from each member. After that quarter has elapsed, then all their contributions for Home Missions will come to us. I do not see how we can make a drastic rule here in regard to it, but each synodical president will have to adjust matters on her own field. It would mean, of course, that we must give advance work to every synodical society having Cumberland Presbyterian Churches within its bounds, and one of the first things we will have to do is to educate their women to give specifically for Home Missions, and that is one of the problems we will have to talk over at the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Darby, their president, and Mrs. Clarke, their secretary, expect to be at Columbus.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 10, 1907.

Miss Martha Hornish,

Keokuk, Iowa.

Dear Miss Hornish:-

Our books have just closed, but we do not know yet how we stand. Our receipts for March have been larger than in any single month in the history of the Woman's Board. It looks now, notwithstanding the fact that we are $9,000 short in legacies, as though we would not be very far short of the amount received last year.

The work for Iowa next year will remain the same as this year, with two exceptions:- $1,000 for work in Alaska; $1,000 for the salary of two teachers in Porto Rico; $200 for the hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico; $500 for work in Uath. Your building and repair fund will remain the same as last year, as we have not completed the fund for Mayaguez, $1,500 being the amount asked from your synodical society. Can you not make a special effort this year, for the need of this building is so great, and if every society would give something toward it we would soon get the full amount.

The work grows each year, and we must ask for an advance because of increased cost of living. Our boarding schools are costing much more than ever before. We will ask for the fifteen per cent. advance this year but that the fifteen per cent. this year be used for the General Fund, to meet the increased cost of our boarding schools, due to the increased cost of living.

I trust your presbyterial meeting may be very successful and that the coming year may show an advance along all lines.

Very cordially yours,

Dictated. New York, April 11, 1907.

Mrs. L. W. Bond,

Iron Bridge, Ind. Ter.

Dear Mrs. Bond:-

Your letter, enclosing five dollars from the little San Bois Society, has been received, and we thank you very much for the contribution. We know that it must have meant sacrifice on your part to have obtained the money, and it is just such contributions as this that help swell the total receipts at the end of the year.

Very cordially yours,

C. C. B

Dictated.

April 13, 1907.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer,
c/f Mrs. William Snooks,
Freeport, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Diefenderfer:-

I am just back from attending some Presbyterial meetings and find your letter.

It is getting harder and harder to get clergy certificates for our workers, and unless you are in the field all the time, we would not be justified in commissioning you; and even now they will not give our teachers this favor unless they live on the line of the railroad.

Your clergy rates would make no difference in Ohio as it is two cents a mile there now. Can you not use the interchangeable mileage books that they have over the Central Passenger territory, they are good over twenty or thirty roads? We are sorry that we cannot get reduced rates because it is going to make a big difference in our budget for this next year, but it cannot be done neither can we commission workers for a short time.

Rejoicing in the good work you are doing, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

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Dictated. New York, April 15, 1907.

Mrs. Winnie H. Laycock,

Le Claire, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Laycock:-

Your letter telling about the Prayer Calendar has been received. Perhaps your ladies expected something very different from what the Prayer Calendar really is intended to be.

It was started, as its name implies, as a Prayer Calendar for the missionaries under the Woman's Board, and the use for which it was intended was that it might be used in private devotions, where the name of the missionary should be mentioned and special prayer offered for her and for her work. After a time the Board of Home Missions wanted to share it with us, so that certain months of the year are devoted to the presbyteries where the ministers are partly supported by the Board of Home Missions. These could not be mentioned by name, so the whole presbytery is spoken of.

Your ladies would not deprecate the Prayer Calendar if they could visit the field and see the comfort it brings to our missionaries when they know that is the day they are to be prayed for. One little girl asked her mother, on the morning of the day on which her father's name was to be mentioned, whether she would not put on her Sunday dress, and her mother said, "Why?" and she said, "You know this is our day in the Prayer Calendar." The missionaries also testi-

fy to the special blessings that come to them from the fact that they are remembered all over the country on that day. That is from the standpoint of the missionary.

And now from our standpoint:- We use it every day at our prayer meeting, and as we read over the names of the various workers we become familiar with the names of those who represent us on the field, and also become familiar with the mission stations and with some of the conditions under which they labor.

The quotations, too, are helpful, as many of us are busy people and sometimes the days are so crowded that we find the single verse exceedingly easy to keep in our minds.

The ladies of your society can not expect a great deal for ten cents, and yet if they use their Prayer Calendars as something to which they can refer every day, they will find it to be as indispensable to them as the dictionary, which we do not read every day but which we absolutely need to refer to.

If this letter is not satisfactory to your ladies, let me know and I will write you again. We here in the office thoroughly believe in the Prayer Calendar as an aid to united prayer and as a means to secure information in regard to our work.

Thanking you for writing, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Doole.

Dictated. New York, April 16, 1907.

Mrs. A. H. McCandless,

903 Twenty-third St.,

Rock Island, Ills.

Dear Mrs. McCandless:-

Your letter received. There are two sides to the box question so far as missionaries are concerned. There is no doubt about it that some home missionaries would never have been able to educate their children but for the help they received through missionary boxes from auxiliary societies. And there is not doubt that most missionaries greatly appreciate them, and until the salaries are larger than they are now we shall have to continue that kind of work.

A memorial was presented at the last Annual Meeting from the societies in Minnesota asking that no more missionary boxes be sent. Immediately there was a sharp division in the meeting: the societies from the West, where they receive missionary boxes, wanted them discontinued; the societies from the East, where they prepared the missionary boxes, wanted them continued, feeling that the boxes was a means of arousing further interest in mission work.

Some ministers are critical. Some ministers' wives are hard to please, and perhaps some boxes are disappointing, and, unfortunately, as sometimes happens the clothes do not fit; and I

presume some Home Missionaries' wives do get tired of making over clothes continually, and they may, perhaps, have been spoiled by societies who have occasionally sent them all new clothing. Nevertheless all we can do is for each society to do its best and try to live up to the standard of the Golden Rule.

The matter of second hand clothing being sent to our mission schools is under discussion by our Woman's Board now. Some teachers [illegible] that it [illegible] the people to give them too much second hand clothing [illegible] if they sell it to [illegible] misunderstandings arise. It is really a great problem as to [illegible] best to do. Each society must decide for itself what it would like to do best, and if you want to send a box to a missionary, [illegible] try to put in some new clothing, [illegible] furnish money with which [illegible] clothing can be purchased, some second hand clothing will be acceptable.

In a few of our mission schools, as at [illegible], South Dakota, second hand clothing can be used, and it can be [illegible] varying.

[illegible] want a society to consider that [illegible] box will supply the need of funds that are necessary [illegible] [illegible] though missionary [illegible] [illegible] a missionary [illegible] [illegible] box, or [illegible] [illegible] distribution there.

Very [illegible] yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 19, 1907.

Mrs. Dee F. Clarke,

Evansville, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. Clarke:-

I am very sorry that it will not be possible for any of us to meet you at Barnard next week, for we are simply overwhelmed with work in getting ready for the Annual Meeting.

Miss Phillips says she will be glad to meet you there and go over the plant with you; she would, also, be very glad to have you visit her at Hot Springs, and if it were possible for you to go there first, thatwould please her. I will write her again about your request.

The matter of when we shall take over that school was presented at a joint conference on Wednesday, and it was the general opinion that we ought to take it over on July 1st, the date on which the receipts from your societies for Home Missions are to begin to come to us. Does that meet with your approval?

I do hope nothing will prevent your coming to Columbus. Our hotel will be The Northern, and I will see that a place is reserved for you. We can then confer in regard to the work; and I am wondering if it would not be a good idea to have one of our blanks on which property statements and the needs for the year are made out sent to you at Barnard, that you may be able to fill it out, that it may take the regular course of appropriations for our other schools.

Did I write you that Mr. Johnson will probably be continued as a worker among the white people in the same territory where he formerly worked among the Choctaws, receiving $600 per year for that service; he will continue to do what he has been doing for the Choctaws and will receive $300 per year from our Board for that purpose.

We are sorry that we come to the close of the fiscal year with a deficit, but hope we may be able to adjust matters so that we may be able to report not more than $7,000 dollars short, but we are sorry to have to report that much. The increased cost of living has greatly increased our expenses; then repairs have taken additional funds, but we are not disheartened but go on with just as much courage as had we been able to meet every dollar of the indebtedness.

How I do wish I could go to Barnard with you, but can not do so!

Yours with love,

Ellen Q. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 19, 1907.

Miss Loretta S. Grafton,

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Miss Grafton:-

I am very sorry to be unable to send you anything definite on "What American women are doing for Alien women in this Country," but am sending you the August and January numbers of the Home Mission Monthly, in which you will find a list of current articles on immigration, and when you have looked over the list you may be able to find something that will meet your need; they will also help you in getting information in regard to what we are doing among foreigners. Of course, in all our work we are helping women and children, in fact all with whom we come in contact; we have mothers' meetings and children's meetings, and every effort is made to get into the homes. The Woman's Board has now eighteen mission stations among the foreign-speaking people.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen C. Dodge.

Dictated. New York, April 19, 1907.

Mrs. Charles P. Noyes,

89 Virginia Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Noyes:-

We are greatly disappointed to get your letter saying you can not be at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board. We shall miss you, but will welcome Mrs. Charles S. Ogilvie, who will be your representative. As she is the official representative of the Minnesota Synodical Society, she can be present at the synodical conference and will have a vote at all our meetings. I am glad you have been able to secure some one to represent you, but that will not quite make up for the fact that you are not coming yourself.

The books for the year are closed and we are glad to report that the receipts for the year, including that for the Freedmen's work, are $501,107, but our expenses have so increased through the natural growth of the work, the increased cost of living, some unusual repairs, and increased traveling expenses, due to the fact that we can get no reduced rates for our teachers, that we shall not only be unable to pay anything for ourselves this year but must report a debt of $7,000 upon the school work. We are sorry but it can not be helped, and we are praying that we shall be able to secure the money to meet the obligations without having it weigh upon the work for next year.

Do you get any message from Miss Novak? I presume she is too ill even to write. I wrote her that she had been placed upon the Emergency Fund, but that if additional money should be needed on account of her serious illness, to let us know and we will try and supply it.

We are expecting Miss Petrie back by Tuesday of next week. Mrs. Gildersleeve is still in the West and will not be back for two or three weeks.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Brooks

Michigan.

New York, April 20, 1907.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I will be possible for you to attend the annual meeting at Columbus, Ohio, and make the address of welcome to the Federation ladies? We would like to have you present if possible at the meeting of the Board.

Let me know by Tuesday, if possible.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Brooks.

Dictated. New York, April 19, 1907.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Ills.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

We are so glad that you are planning to be at the Annual Meeting, and trust that it may be a very profitable one.

The books for the year are closed, and we are glad to report that the receipts for the year, including that for the Freedmen's work, are $501,167, but our expenses have so increased through the natural growth of the work, the increased cost of living, some unusual repairs, and increased traveling expenses, due to the fact that we can not get reduced rates for our teachers, that we shall not only be unable to pay anything for evangelistic work but must report a dent of $7,000 upon the school work. We are sorry but it can not be helped, and we are praying that we shall be able to secure the money to meet the obligations without having it weigh upon the work for next year.

We are so glad you are pleased with Mrs. Diefenderfer. We knew you would be, for she is a most excellent speaker and well versed in all the work of the Woman's Board.

I note what you have to say about the Cumberland Societies reporting for the first quarter to their own Board. I think we shall have to consent to their doing so, for the Cumberland Woman's

Board is depending upon their receipts to cancel all obligations. This will have to be adjusted in presbyterial societies, but it can easily be done, as their societies have been accustomed to send thirty-five cents per quarter to their Woman's Board, this money, of course, to be used for Home and Foreign Missions. After July 1st we will have "right of way," for the Foreign Boards have not yet decided whether they want to welcome the Cumberland sisters or not. We are very thankful that it is"plain sailing" with us, and it looks as if we would receive regular contributions from all their societies just as soon as they know where they are. The re-adjustment along presbyterial lines will, of necessity, make some confusion this first year, and it is quite important that synodical presidents keep in touch with all such changes.

Again expressing gratification that you are to be at Columbus, I am,

Yours with love,

Emma A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 22, 1907.

Mrs. E. S. Goddard,

812 Lake St., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Goddard:-

It seems like a long time since I have written you, but these have been strenuous days on account of the closing of the fiscal year. I am sorry to report that although the receipts of the year are $501,187, and more than the receipts for current work last year, yet we will not be able to meet all our obligations; we can not pay anything for evangelization, and must report a debt of seven thousand dollars on the school work. We are exceedingly sorry, but the increased cost of living, the many bills for long deferred repairs, and the increased traveling expenses have all contributed toward it.

Will you be at the Annual Meeting? I hope so, and have rather thought that perhaps the fact that you had not written us meant that you were thinking of coming but could not state positively. California has done wonderful things! To think that after the awful disaster that they should rally and give as they have given this year is an example for the whole country.

We have been discussing very carefully the matter of North Fork. After conferring with Dr. Noble, it seemed wiser that Mrs. Gilchrist and her daughter should remain there, and we will ask Miss Nellie Morrow whether she would be willing to speak for the

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Woman's Board next year, beginning say the middle of September and continuing for six months, at a salary of fifty dollars per month. We hope this may meet with your approval. There seems to be such a division of opinion in regard to the work there, and certainly both could not remain, as they were not in harmony.

I note what you have to say about a memorial, and also what Miss Fraser has had to say in reference to the gifts from Los Angeles Presbyterial. Surely they ought to do a good deal more for Home Missions when they are doing so much for Foreign Missions. I wonder if we could not interest them in the building that is needed at Panguitch, Utah. It might be made a memorial, and Los Angeles Presbyterial Society might be willing to assume the salary of the teacher who is to be sent there - perhaps two teachers will be needed. It is a lonely field, not very far from Ferron, Utah. People have moved there from Manti and other places, and they want similar advantages for their children. They say they will be able to guarantee forty-five children as soon as the school is started: but what about a building, and what about the salary for the teacher? Shall we endeavor to approach Los Angeles, or will you? Sometimes it is well to do a little surgery when people are too well satisfied with their own condition, but let us go about this tactfully now that Miss Fraser has "set the ball rolling." Perhaps, as it is new work, they will be willing to assume and continue it.

Mrs. James does not tell us when she will return, but we hardly expect her back until Fall.

Yours with love,

Alice A. Brooks

Dictated. New York, April 22, 1907.

Miss Lucretia C. Miller,

Muskegee, Ind. Ter.

Dear Miss Miller.-

Your letter came a long time ago and I should have answered it sooner, but we have been uncertain as to the status of affairs at Henry Kendall College and I hesitated to write until I knew. It now looks as if the Synod will take over the college April 30th - at least they have called a special meeting for that purpose - but the Woman's Board has decided to recommission all its teachers and president until September first, after which time Synod's Committee the will make their own arrangements. Under these circumstances it would not be possible for us to make any change in salaries.

It does look as if after as many years' service as you have given there ought to be an advance, but in the Home Mission work there are so many calls for new schools, and nearly every school costs us more than we think at the beginning of the year, that perhaps we have to pursue the policy that seems niggardly, but I can assure you it is not because we do not appreciate the work of our teachers. This is peculiarly the case with music, as it is looked upon by societies furnishing the funds as an extra, and while the teaching of

music does bring in tuition - probably as much as goes out for salary - yet there is always the board of the worker, and the fact that all of us in the employ of the Woman's Board are expected to bring in as much for receipts as we can.

We were so glad to see you for a few minutes that day when we passed through Muskogee, and I can assure you we have not lost our interest in Henry Kendall College even though after this year we hardly expect to have as much to do with the details of the work, but the Woman's Board will assume next year four thousand dollars toward the expenses, so that we will be greatly interested in the success that may attend the work.

With kind regards to all the workers, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole

Dictated. New York, April 25, 1907.

Mrs. Russell Sage,

Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sage:-

We know that you have very many letters asking you for help for philanthropic enterprises, but we would like to commend to you the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

We have just closed our fiscal year and are sorry that we are obliged to report a debt of seven thousand dollars. This is not because our women have not given as much money as heretofore, for they have given more, but because of the increased cost of living, the fact that many long deferred repairs had to be made upon our buildings, and that we were unable to secure as favorable rates on the railroads for our teachers as formerly.

There are several very urgent calls for new buildings, one of which we would like to bring to your attention. A new school building and teachers' home is greatly needed at Mayaguez, Porto Rico; it will cost about twenty-five thousand dollars. This would be nothing elaborate, simply a substantial building, with school rooms, assembly room, and rooms where our teachers could be accommodated. Personally, I should prefer that the teachers' home be in a separate

building, as they could make it more homelike, and it would be better for their health. We already have the land purchased for the buildings, but the rules of the Board prevent our building until we have the money in hand.

This is a high grade young ladies' seminary; and we propose to add to it a Normal Department, for the purpose of training the Porto Rican girls to become teachers. We have much difficulty in securing teachers to fill all the vacant places in Cuba and Porto Rico, and when these girls have had the Bible training, in addition to the school work in the Colegio Americano, they will be equipped so that they can teach under American teachers.

Does this building appeal to you as worthy of your consideration? Should you desire to make it a "Sage Memorial" that could easily be done; but any consideration you might give to the subject would be greatly appreciated by the Woman's Board.

Mrs. Darwin R. James, our President, is traveling around the world or she would have written you, for we have long wanted to present our claims, knowing you were at one time a member of the Woman's Board and feel sure you are still interested in our work.

Praying that you may be guided in this as in all your benefactions, I am,

Respectfully yours,

Ella W. Boole

Secretary.

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Dictated. New York, April 26, 1907.

Mrs. William I. Steans,

Westfield, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Steans:

Mr. Craig has asked me to send you the name of a place where you can send some second hand clothing for use among people who need it more than it is needed here. While we have only a very few places where second hand clothing can be sent, we appreciate the efforts on the part of our ladies who want to help, and I am glad to suggest that you send it to Miss Julia E. Phillips, Dorland Institute, Hot Springs, N. C. You will, of course, see that the freight is prepaid. Miss Phillips finds she can make good use of such clothing; she does not give it away but sells it to the people at a nominal price, and they pay for it in berries, vegetables or whatever they may be able to produce - some, of course, pay money for it.

Thanking you for all your efforts in behalf of this good cause, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Bond,

Dictated. New York, April 26, 1907.

Mrs. John M. Stewart,

257 Clay St., Clarksburg, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Stewart:-

Mrs. Gildersleeve is away attending presbyterial meetings but I am glad to give you the information you desire in regard to the school at Lawson. They have been very much delayed in getting their supplies because of washouts, etc., but the work is under way and we fully expect that the school will be ready to open by the first of September.

The gifts from West Virginia have helped, and we congratulate you all on the splendid aid you have given for the work. The bills are not all in yet, so we can not tell just how much money will be required for the building, but West Virginia has given over the two thousand dollars asked of them.

The new plant will consist of the Priscilla Home, a brick building, two stories high, and the "Pattie C. Stockdale School," the latter being a chapel school house which has been erected by Miss Stockdale, of Washington, Penna., in memory of her mother, and she pays all the bills. The cost of it will be about $1,500, while the cost of the Priscilla Home will be not far from $6,000.

Miss Barnes will return to Lawson as the teacher of the school, and we are planning to secure a first-class matron who will be the housemother for the institution. Provision will be made for about twenty-five girls.

If there is any further information you desire, kindly let me know.

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, April 26, 1907.

Mrs. Charles W. Robinson,

Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Robinson:-

Thank you very much for your appeal to presbyterial treasurers to get belated funds to the Board. We will pass along the suggestion to other presbyteries, and perhaps the money may be forthcoming. If societies only realized that each year should take care of its own work, and not hold over until the next year any additional funds, they might see it would provide against shortage.

We will not, however, grow discouraged, for God is with us, but the calls are so many and the expenses so heavy that we need great vigilance in keeping everything up to the mark.

Hoping to see you at Columbus, I am,

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole

Dicta ted. New York, April 29, 1907.

Mrs. Cora K. Adams,

40 East Randolph St.,

Chicago, Illinois.

De r Mrs. Adams:-

Your letter addressed to Mrs. Baker has come to me for at:e tion, as she is at home sick. The names of the officers you de i e are as follows:-

Iowa - President, Mrs. C. W. Coleman, 75 Winona Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.
Secretary, Miss Martha Hornish, Keokuk, Iowa.

Michigan - President, Mrs. D. H. Cooper, 3015 Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.
Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Lucie, 294 Cass Ave., Detroit.

Minnesota - President, Mrs. C. P. Noyes, 88 Virginia Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
Secretary, Mrs. Elijah Barton, 305 Oneida Block, Minneapolis, Minn.

Wisconsin - President, Mrs. A. H. Vedder, 109 Tenth St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Secretary, Mrs. W. J. McElroy, 3329 Cedar St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Hoping the above will meet your need, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ida M. Tarbell.

Dictated: New York, May 2, 1907.

Mrs. Darwin R. James,

London, England.

Dear Mrs. James:-

Your last letter, written as you were entering the Suez Canal, was received several days ago, and was very much enjoyed. I have been wanting to write you but you know that at this time of the year we are exceedingly busy. The Spring Conference meets Friday of this week, and we have been busy getting the docket ready.

You will be sorry to know that, although the receipts of the Woman's Board were $501,167, of which amount $73,095 was for the Freedmen's work, our expenses were so increased on account of necessary repairs, the increased cost of food stuffs and fuel, and the cost of printing, we were unable to meet the obligations of the year within $20,000. Of course, this means that we could not pay what we had assumed for evangelization, and were $13,000 short on the school work; part of this was for Mt. Vernon, Ky., which the Board insisted upon our taking. The Board has paid our indebtedness, so that we will not have to report a debt at the Annual Meeting, but the fact remains that our receipts do not equal our expenses, and we have been trying to solve the problem as to how to cut down expenses

and to increase receipts. It has been the cause of great anxiety to us, but we are about ready for the May Conference now, and hope the budget may be approved.

It has been an exceedingly busy winter. The union with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church made us additional work, planning for the Interdenominational Home Mission Conference at Silver Bay, N. Y., added considerably to the labors, which were heavy enough, and the fact that Miss Lincoln was away so long caused many of the responsibilities that she would have carried to fall to the rest of us, and then we can not help but acknowledge that we have missed you greatly, especially has that been the case in our preparations for the Annual Meeting. I am thankful to say, however, that I have kept well in the midst of it all, and will go up to the Annual Meeting feeling just as well as ever. Do not worry about me, for, while I did not spend very much of my vacation out of the city, yet I had a good rest, and the Lord has blessed me with excellent health.

We have moved into our new home and are enjoying it very much. It takes me about five minutes longer to get to the office in the morning, but that is more than made up by the good fresh air, for we live quite in the country. Our new house is cosey and comfortable, and it has been a great pleasure to get settled in it, though I presume all the settling will not be until my vacation time next August.

Miss Long sails for a Mediterranean Cruise to-day. She has not been at all well and it seemed that she could not get away from the work while she remained in this country. She will be away about six weeks. Mr. McAfee will edit the Assembly Herald one month, and Mr. Stelzle the other month.

(Mrs. James, #2)

Prof. Steiner, the author of "The Trail of the Immigrant," has been elected by the Board to take charge of the work among foreign-speaking people the coming year. I do not know when he takes up his work, but possibly not until the first of September.

Mrs. Baker is quite ill, suffering from neuritis. We feel quite uneasy about her, inasmuch as it has affected her right side; she is with her cousin, Mrs. King, and has been out of the office a little over two weeks, and we do not know when she will be able to return.

Miss Lincoln, as you know, came back the first of February, and feels quite tired from the work incident to the closing of the fiscal year.

Miss Petrie and Mrs. Gildersleeve have been out attending presbyterial meetings. Mrs. Gildersleeve will visit Santa Fe and Albuquerque before she returns, but is expected back at the office on May 6th. Miss Petrie has already returned, and is busy getting her report ready for the Annual Meeting.

Mr. Craig has found the work in his department pretty hard this year, as last year he had absolutely nothing to do with preparing the budget, for he was in Porto Rico, but this year he had to prepare it and it has been hard work, although he is getting along nicely with it.

We have had no letters from Mrs. Pingry or Miss White, simply postals saying they were having a good time. Miss White will remain abroad about a year, though Mrs. Pingry does not expect to stay as long as that.

The Home Mission Monthly was able to pay $2,500 into the treasury of the Woman's Board this year, and has an increased subscription list of about fourteeen hundred new names.

The meetings of the Woman's Board are well attended. Some time ago the ladies decided to call a roll at every meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, and at the first Tuesday meeting. It is surprising how much more prompt the ladies are in attending, and how quick to send excuses when they can not be here.

Everything seems to be going smoothly, and with the exception of Mrs. Baker, the health of the office force has been better than usual this winter. Of course, we are all a little tired now with the preparations for the Annual Meeting, but after that is over there will be a little let up. I feel that the Annual Meeting will mean more responsibility this year than usual, because you have always done so much in carrying details, but the three Vice-Presidents who are to preside must have all details prepared for them. Mrs. Bennett will go to Columbus and will give the welcome to the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board. We would have been glad to have had her preside at all the meetings, but the way was not clear to ask her in time. Perhaps it is just as well, however, to have the synodical presidents take their share of responsibility, and Mrs. Bennett will be there for counsel.

Several ladies will go from the Board: Mrs. Phrmer, Mrs. Weid, Mrs. C. E. Walker, whose husband has recently died and who now resides in Brooklyn, Mrs. J. W. McAfee, Mrs. Bennett, and possibly Mrs. Burnham.

(Mrs. James, #3)

From all over the country come inquiries on to when you will return, and expressions of gratification from all the [illegible] officers to whom you have sent messages, especially does Miss Ludlum appreciate the post cards she has received, because she is so [illegible] in" because of her lameness.

Don't be afraid that we are forgetting you or that we fail to miss you in the midst of the busy days in the office. We miss you every day and speak of you, and shall be glad to welcome you home.

You will be interested to know that Miss Serena Bellner is to be married to the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in [illegible] Pleasant, Utah, and will come to the Annual Meeting as a bride. She had sent in her resignation some time ago. not giving any reason, but a letter yesterday tells us of her approaching [illegible].

Lady Kortright, of Philadelphia, Penna., died recently and left a legacy of $15,000 to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which will probably be available in June. She also left $10,000 to the Board of Home Missions, and made them residuary legatees in her estate. This may mean an amount of between two and three hundred thousand dollars additional for them, but as they will have large obligations next year, owing to the coming in of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, they will need every dollar they will get.

I think I have told you all the news and will not bother you with details of office work.

I hope we may receive a message from you for the Annual Meeting, but whether you send it or not, you will often be remembered in loving thought and prayer.

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Dictated. New York, May 2, 1907.

Mrs. S. C. Palmer,

49 North Ohio Ave.,

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Palmer:-

Your letters in reference to the entertainment and the matter of the reception received this morning.

The adjustments you have made in regard to the rooms will be satisfactory. If there can be two beds in the rooms, of course, it will be better, and in the event a second bed can not be put it, perhaps a cot can be placed there, but we know the matter of entertaining Assembly is a large one and that you will require all the room that can possibly be available.

I wrote Mrs. Adair about reserving rooms for two others - Mrs. F. S. Bennett and Mrs. C. E. Walker. Mrs. Bennett will not be there All the time, but will arrive at the same time the rest of us do. Mrs. Walker will be there during the whole session. Mrs. D. E. Waid would also like a room reserved, and if you must put two in one room, perhaps Mrs. Waid and Mrs. Bennett would better go together and Mrs. Walker can be put with some one else.

In regard to the reception:- We do not know what has been planned for Saturday afternoon, but if something of general interest has not been planned, how would it do to have the reception to

the Women's Mission Boards on Saturday afternoon? Then you could have it from 2.30 to 4.30 P. M. The objection to having it on Tuesday afternoon at those hours is that our Synodical Conference is held then. Tuesday morning is the time when the report of the Board of Home Missions is given in the Assembly, and we always attend that session. Then, if you plan for your reception on Saturday afternoon, which is always an open time in the Assembly, and when there are no other meetings, we will plan for the reception to the Cumberland people on Saturdayafternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Let us know whether you can use Tuesday afternoon just as soon as possible. Last year at Des Moines they had their reception Saturday afternoon.

I know you are busy getting ready for your "big party," and it will surely be a big one.

Our party from New York will arrive on Wednesday morning, May 15th, about ten o'clock, although Miss Rue and Miss Moore will probably come theday before.

There is one change in regard to the missionaries: Mrs. Herndon will not be there, but there will be two from Utah - Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Frank. You will not recognize Mrs. Franks' name when you see the program, but she is Miss Serena Neilson, one of our teachers at Washatch Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Utah, and is to be married the morning of May 13th and start at once for the General Assembly. Her husband is a missionary among the Mormons, so that if you can provide entertainment for both of them instead of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon, we will be glad. I do not know now of any other missionaries to be entertained, though we may hear of some later.

Yours with love,

C. C. Dodd.

Dictated. New York, May 3, 1907.

Rev. Ira Landrith, D. D.,

Nashville, Penn.

Dear Dr. Landrith:-

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., convenes at Columbus, Ohio, at the same time as General Assembly. Our meeting will be held in the Central Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, May 16th and 17th.

It will have a service on Thursday afternoon at which there will be a welcome given to the women of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and a response from Mrs. Darby, and we hope, notwithstanding your duties in connection with General Assembly, that it will be possible for you to look in upon our meeting, and we have taken the liberty of placing you upon the program to make the closing prayer and the benediction on Friday afternoon about 4.30 o'clock. Of course, if you can not get away from General Assembly it will be all right, but we hope you may come.

Inasmuch as our meetings are one of the features in connection with General Assembly, we would be very glad to welcome Mrs. Landrith as an attendant at our meeting, that she may become acquainted with "our folks," even as we want to become acquainted with yours.

Fraternally yours,

Ellen C. Dodd.

Dictated. New York, May 1, 1907.

Miss Mary Kadesch,

The Northfield, East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Miss Kadesch:-

Thank you very much for the nice box of candies which it was divided among the office workers, so that all had a part in it.

The day we want you for the meeting of the Woman's Board is Tuesday, May 21st, and it would be necessary for you to come to New York on the 20th.

I will see what can be done about making other appointments for you. Mrs. John Babcock, of 64 East Park St., East Orange, N. J., wants you to come out there to give an address, as the society to which she belongs will take your salary when you go to Alaska. I will write her at once to find out the date, and we will see what can be done about making appointments for you elsewhere.

We are very glad indeed to know that you have so much benefitted by your treatment at the hospital, and trust that you may be greatly blessed as you go back to Alaska to carry the Gospel to your own people.

Yours with love,

Ella C. Beede.

Dictated. New York, May 1, 1907.

Miss J. F. Groves,

1400 School Lane, Germantown,

Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Miss Groves:-

We are very glad indeed to know that you are to give the $500 toward the building fund for the school at Lawson, West Va. If you were to send the money now it would be in hand to meet bills as they come in, but without doubt the building will not be completed until September and the money will be needed then. If it is sent here it is placed in the bank, at interest, so that the money accumulates until the time when we are obliged to use it.

I also note what you have to say about your furnishing the parlor with organ and the furniture. It will be just as well not to purchase the organ until later, and let us purchase it, as we get a discount on all organs we purchase. The organs we send to our schools costs $40.00.

One of the firms in Sistersville, West Va., has offered a discount on all furniture we purchase there, and as it is so near Lawson the freight rates would be lower. We can get estimates on the things needed, and let you know if you want us to do so.

I think the building is furnace heated, in which case the coal box and stove will not be needed. The other things that you mention - carpets, shades, curtains, desks, book cases, centre table, lamp and chairs - will all be required. Would it not be well to wait until the building is nearer completion, and the matron is on the field, to know just exactly what will be required. You could begin to raise the money, and I am sure the ladies will understand the situation. We hope the new building will be completed so as to open school in September.

Very cordially yours,

Edward A. Boyle.

Dictated.

New York, May 3, 1907.

Mr. Cosmos,

181 East 31st St., City.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed is the corrected proof for the program for the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Note the changes in the last of the program, so that the order will be as outlined on this extra sheet.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Boyle.

Dictated. New York, May 3, 1907.

Miss Eliza McDowell,

Traer, Iowa.

Dear Miss McDowell:-

I have answered one of your questions on a separate sheet, thinking you might like to have it by itself.

Mrs. Flora D. Palmer is just now leaving Iowa; it is possible that you might be able to secure her for some meetings after the Annual Meeting at Columbus, Ohio, though I doubt it very much, for I think she wants to begin her rest about the middle of June. In what part of Iowa are these Cumberland Churches?

Miss Edith Hughes, Burrton, Kansas, is the Field Secretary for the Southwest, and as such has to be in touch with a great many of the Cumberland people. It is possible you might be able to secure her services to visit these churches. Both Mrs. Palmer and Miss Hughes will be at Columbus for the Annual Meeting, May 16th and 17th, and their address will be The Northern, North High & Goodale Sts., Columbus.

We have not published any literature in the German language for the reason that there has been absolutely no call for it. We understood that most of the German Societies in Iowa were contributing toward the German Theological College at Dubuque, and we

do not know of any better missionary work that they could do than to help take care of that Seminary, for it is helping young men to prepare themselves for work among their own people. Then, there was another difficulty when we began to talk about it, and that was that we did not know what literature to publish. To publish a single leaflet would require other leaflets to carry out that plan, and we thought the better way would be to see if we could not get some of the German religious papers to publish in each issue some Home Mission literature. This they would be willing to do if we could get the names of these papers, but we have been so busy that we have failed to do even that.

With very pleasant memories of meeting you at Des Moines and at Vinton, I am,

Cordially yours,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, May 2, 1907.

Mrs. J. T. Lapsley,

Danville, Kentucky.

Dear Mrs. Lapsley:-

I have been looking over the old numbers of the Home Mission Monthly to see if I could find the reference to substitute for synodical officers at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board. Although I have not been able to look over all the files, I do know that synodical officers are decidedly preferred as delegates from synodical societies to the Annual Meeting; that the president is, ex-officio, a delegate, because she is a Vice-President of the Woman's Board: that the members of the Synodical Committees are also members of the Woman's Board and entitled to vote. If I were asked to decide, from my general knowledge of parliamentary law, I should say that members of synodical committees could not be represented by any one but themselves, but that the place of the Vice-President could be filled if she were unable to attend, and that it would be filled by vote of the synodical society; that, if the synodical society delegated the appointing power to the synodical president, she could appoint some one to represent the synodical society. In that case you would have the power to appoint some one to represent your second Vice-President. However, I should not like to make a decision until

I had conferred with the ladies at Columbus. In the meantime, Mrs. Speed will be cordially received, and can bring the report of your Synodical society.

I note your invitation to attend the first union meeting of the Synodical Societies in Kentucky, and hope I may be able to plan to do so. What is the date of your meeting?

We greatly enjoyed out trip among the Cumberland Churches last winter, and I feel I quite understand the situation now, and hope to attend just as many of the joint meetings this fall as possible. I am glad you are to be at Columbus.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, May 1, 1907.

Mrs. Charles Hellwell,

4742 Jefferson St., Bellaire, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Hellwell:-

Thank you very much for your report. We do not need the statistics, as we get them in the all 'round report of the synodical secretary. It does seem as if we were duplicating matters, but some questions have to be answered as a means of educating our societies.

Again thanking you for all your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Poole.

Dictated. New York, May 4, 1907.

Mrs. S. L. McAfee,

Parkville, Mo.

Dear Mrs. McAfee:-

We are sorry indeed that it will not be possible for you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board. It will not seem quite like an Annual Meeting to me if you are not there, for you have always been such an important part in it. We will, of course, welcome Mrs. Perry, and I will write her as to the details needed in her report, though what we want to know is about your most successful methods of the year; and the situation in regard to the Cumberland work will be exceedingly interesting. One can not tell a great deal in five minutes, but they can tell something.

In regard to the redistricting of your synodical along presbyterial lines:- Of course, we shall have to accept the divisions that are made for the Church work, and it will mean that there must be ten presbyterial societies formed. I should think it would be the duty of the synodical officers, in correspondence with such presbyterial officers as there are, to arrange for dates on which the next presbyterial meeting should be held. Conference ought also to be held with the Cumberland Presbyterian women, and could not the synod-

ical presidents of both societies enter into this arrangement. The agreement with the Cumberland ladies provides that the first meeting under the new regime should be a joint meeting, the time and place to be agreed upon at the conference between the two societies.

It will mean entire re-organization in Missouri, Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee, and we must be very careful to have the work so planned that it will not mean a loss.

I expect to be at Macon, Mo., for the Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board, and will plan to be there throughout the meetings, reaching there on Saturday and remaining until after Tuesday, as that is the time at which I give my address. I shall be so glad if you can be there, and then we can talk it all over with the synodical president of the Cumberland work as well.

I trust that you may continue to improve in health, and shall be very glad to see you at Macon.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Boole.

May 4th.

Rev. W. L. Darby,
354 Boulevard, Astoria, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Gildersleeve has not yet returned from her trip, but I have marked the date for your church as cancelled, so that some other time, perhaps, you can plan for the meeting.

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Boole

Dictated. New York, May 6, 1907.

Mrs. C. H. Goodrich,

315 East Locust St.,

Independence, Kansas.

Dear Mrs. Goodrich:-

I recall the fact that your presbyterial meeting was to be held at the same time as that of the Southwest Board, and trust both meetings were profitable. I have heard no news from the Southwest Board relative to their relation to the Cumberland Presbyterian Woman's Board, and am quite anxious to know about it.

We know Mrs. McFarland, who used to be in Alaska, and also know that she is poor. However, several years ago she was placed on the list of those to be helped by the Board of Ministerial Relief, and receives from them a certain amount each year. I do not know how much it is, but know that ministers receive $300, and have an idea that missionaries receive about the same amount.

We could not give her anything from the Emergency Fund, because that is intended for teachers who have broken down in the service of the Board, and is to fit them to return to the work, and much as we would like to do more for Mrs. McFarland feel that having placed her on the Board of Ministerial Relief that is all we can do. If she desires to enter the Merriam Home, Newton, New Jersey, it is highly probable we could get her in there, where her living would cost her

nothing, and she would certainly have a beautiful home there. If your ladies want to send her a gift of money, the better way would be to send it direct to her. Much as we would like to receive all contributions we can for the Emergency Fund, yet we could not make her a beneficiary of it.

I was greatly interested in your account of your Home Mission Monthly meeting, and will send it to Mrs. Finks, who may want to use the suggestions in that magazine.

Very cordially yours,

Edna A. Brook

Dictated. New York, May 6, 1907.

Rev. C. S. Humble, D. D.,
Parkersburg, West Va.

Dear Dr. Humble:-

We have just heard from Miss Smith that she has returned to Big Bend, West Va., but that she is not very well and feels that she must leave there soon. She wants us to purchase her house there, but that is out of the question, as she went ahead and built it on her own responsibility. Do you suppose it could be sold by her for the use of any religious worker who might be placed there by Presbytery?

Cordially yours,

Edna A. Brook.

Dictated. New York, May 9, 1907.

Mrs. E. M. Swiggett,

Morrow, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Swiggett:-

It will be all right for you to send your box of clothing to Jarrolds Valley, West Va. We have no school there, but Miss Jackson and Miss Newcombe are Bible Readers and as they visit among the people find a great many poor people to whom they can give the clothing. Of course, they do everything they can to teach the people to make over clothes, but you can readily understand that when two women have to do all the church work, conduct three or four Sabbath schools on Sunday, look after the prayer meeting, care for the sick, visit in the homes, do their own housekeeping, even to taking care of their own horses, they have comparatively little time to sit down and make over clothing, even though they do have a sewing class among the children and try to help the mothers, but you can depend upon it they will make the very best use of the clothing which you send. They are consecrated women and use good judgment in everything that they do.

I know nothing about the work under Mrs. Carr at Danville, Va., as that work is under the Freedmen's Board, and you would have to get information from Mrs. Boggs.

In regard to the work at Hot Springs:- The clothing is sold to the people at a nominal price, they paying for it in berries, eggs, wood, anything they have, for it is sold low so as to be within their means, and Miss Phillips feels that it is better to sell it to them than to give it to them, as they feel they are not pauperizing them. The money she obtains in payment for the clothing she calls her "store room money" and will be applied this year to the erection of a barn.

I can assure you that there are many needy places where clothing is required, but we try everywhere to teach the people self-respect, and the method applicable in one place is not always in the other. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will understand that you will send the clothing to Jarrolds Valley.

Very cordially yours,

Ella C. Dale,

Dictated. New York, May 8, 1907.

Mrs. H. G. Stoetzer,

215 First St., Fairmont, West Va.

Dear Mrs. Stoetzer:-

Your letter came several days ago but the pressure of work has made it impossible for me to reply before.

No one regrets more than we that we have been unable to secure some one for your work among the foreigners. It seems impossible for us to get people who speak foreign languages who are fitted to do religious work among their own people. We are urged to send to foreign lands for them, but when they come over here they have to be educated all over again, and we have about come to the conclusion that the best way to do that work is to put in a good American woman who has had Bible training and who knows enough to use the children as interpreters and will do real religious work among them. So far we have been unable to secure anybody, and I can not assure you that we will be able to get anybody right away.

Illinois Synodical is supporting a young lady at Mr. Losa's school in Pittsburgh, Penna., and she is to begin work this spring among foreigners, but I presume, from the way he has written you, that he has no one else available. He goes to the Annual Meeting at Columbus, and I will talk the matter over with him and see what can be done.

Inasmuch as West Virginia did so splendidly last year in regard to Lawson, and their fund is all complete, we will have to make a change in your apportionments for the year, and we will notify Mrs. Allen what the change will be. We think, however, that you will be asked for $500 toward the support of the work at Lawson, instead of the $50 that was assigned last year and all of a building fund, and in order to broaden the workers and let them see that there is something to be done elsewhere we think it would be well for them to take a $500 salary in Cuba or Porto Rico. We can not now give you the name of a teacher, but can do so later, all amounts received over $1,000 to be appropriated for the General Fund of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Mrs. Allen will probably apportion these amounts to the three presbyterial societies, but we give you now a forecast of what will be sent out later.

You do not know how sorry we are not to be able to secure the kind of a worker you want for your own territory, but such workers are few and far between, and while we will keep on trying, may be the best solution will be to put in an American woman of consecration and tact to do the work.

I wish you might be able to attend the Annual Meeting at Columbus.

Very cordially yours,

Edith R. Bent.

Dictated. New York, June 1, 1907.

Mrs. D. E. Finks.,

East Orange, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Finks:-

I reached home Thursday afternoon, having had a most pleasant time at the Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Woman's Board. The last evening I presented the work of our Board and told about the hospital at Haines. At the close of my address, Mrs. Darby said she wished the Cumberland women might have a part in it, and they immediately proceeded to take an offering. When the baskets were passed they had an offering of over $85.00, but the ladies were not satisfied and they asked for a special subscription, so that they contributed the whole amount, $130.00, for a bed in the little hospital at Haines, Alaska, this bed to be known as the Cumberland Woman's Board bed. I thought you might like to make a note of this in the Annual Meeting number of the magazine, inasmuch as you are to send that to all auxiliary societies, and this is the first contribution given by the women of the Cumberland Church as a whole to the enlargement of Home Missions.

I have a good deal to tell about that meeting at Macon but presume there will be no chance on Tuesday, as the Campbells and the Waggoners are both to be here for that meeting.

I trust you were not tired after your trip to Columbus.

Very cordially yours,

Ellen A. Boole

Dictated. New York, June 5, 1907.

Mrs. George C. Yeisley,

Hudson, New York.

Dear Mrs. Yeisley:-

We were all sorry that you could not go to the Annual Meeting in Columbus, but you will be glad to know that everything passed off very nicely. The synodical roll call was one of the very best we ever had. The name of the synod was called and its report given, and then Miss Lincoln told about how the gifts came in and I added whatever items of interest had been gleaned throughout the office. The result was that when the question came up the next day whether that part of the program might not be omitted, the people said, "No, it was one of the most interesting things of the whole series of meetings."

We were especially pleased this year in the character of the missionaries who were with us. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell of St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, were simply charming, and we were all glad to hear and know Mr. Rendon of New Mexico, and some of the workers from Cuba and Porto Rico who had never been present before. Perhaps one of the most impressive scenes was at the reception to the missionaries on Saturday morning, when Mr. Viamonte of Nueva Paz, Cuba, gave an address in Spanish, which was interpreted by Mr. Rendon; and

Mr. Lopez of San Juan, Porto Rico, who talks very little English, read an address in English, which it was impossible for us to understand. The lesson, however, we learned from it was that we could appreciate more than ever before the difficulties under which our missionaries labor who go to Porto Rico and Cuba not knowing the language, but must begin at once to teach school.

Mrs. S. C. Gunn of Romulus, New York, who has charge of the "Minnie's Seaside Rest," at Old Orchard, Maine, asked me to send the enclosed folder to you, and extends an invitation to any missionary who might be desirous of resting there a little time.

Yours with love,

Ellen A. Bond

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1907.

Mrs. C. G. Nevins,
123 South 3rd St.,
Newark, Ohio.

Dear Mrs. Nevins:-

We have no leaflets about the work in Hawaii, and I do not think the Presbyterian Board has any work there; it is all done under the auspices of the Congregationalists, in accordance with an agreement between denominations.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen A. Bond.

Dictated. New York, June 3, 1907.

Mrs. E. M. Wright,
433 West 10th St.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Wright:-

I reached home safely on Decoration Day, as planned. The trip was made without accident, except that one of the passengers had a fit in the dining car on the second day out.

You will be interested to know that the last meeting at Macon was a very large one, almost as large as the Sunday night meeting. After I had finished my story Mrs. Darby suggested that something be done toward taking an offering for the hospital at Haines, as we had done at our Annual Meeting. I then suggested that they try to raise enough money for a Cumberland bed. The baskets were passed, and they found $89.00 in them. We then called for special gifts, and the full amount, $120.00, was raised for the bed. Isn't that pretty good for a beginning?

I remember what you said about some of the ladies wanting to do something for Mrs. McFarland. On my desk I find a letter from her, and possibly your desire to help and this letter will fit together. This is what she says:- "I received a letter last night from Southeastern Kansas asking me if I could not come early in June and make a tour through that part of the State, beginning at Coffeyville. They enumerate fourteen other places, and say there may be

many more. Of course, they would expect to pay my traveling expenses, but you know there are other expenses to be met, for going from home for that length of time I would need a newsuit, besides other things, which I do not feel I could possibly get."

Now, do you suppose you could either get a good second hand dress for her, or would some of your ladies who wanted to help club together and buy her a new dress? I have written her, not saying about this, but asking her to send me the measurements and we would see what we might be able to do. She is a blessed, good woman, and while she does receive some help from the Board of Ministerial Relief, why should we not help one of our good missionaries to a box as well as other people?

I think for her to speak two weeks every night and travel between times would be too much, but they might be able to extend the time and have her speak every other evening.

I trust you got home all right with your chicken, and that your family enjoyed it.

Yours with love,

Edna A. Brown

Dictated. New York, June 5, 1907.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

We are so sorry you were not able to be here yesterday. We had one of the best meetings that I have ever attended, addresses being made by Dr. and Mrs. Campbell of St. Lawrence Island, Samuel Davis of Jackson, and Mr. Waggoner of Klawock. The room was filled, and it was practically a third Tuesday meeting taking the place of the first Tuesday, which should have been held. There was nothing at General Assembly as good, and we were glad there was such a good audience to hear what was said. There is a report in The Tribune to-day, but how correct it is I do not know.

I sincerely hope you are feeling better and will be glad when you are able to come in and meet with us again, for we need you.

I write now in regard to the work for the Silver Bay Conference. We must begin to hustle, otherwise we will not have anybody there. Almost no one has made application for enrollment, but I presume the unusual weather has had something to do with it. Will you be able to look after the enrollment cards, or do you want us to relieve you by asking Miss Guernsey to attend to it? We do not want to take it out of your hands unless you feel it is more than you can do.

We are so sorry you have been ill. I must begin a good deal of work among the Presbyterian women in regard to attendance at the Conference, and must find out what the other Boards are doing.

I have so much to tell you about what was done at the Annual Meeting and at the meeting of the Cumberland Woman's Board. The Central Committee decided that the boundary line between the Board of the Southwest and the Philadelphia Board should be the Mississippi River. This cuts up the Cumberland Woman's Board; and Mrs. Clark goes to the Board of the Northwest as Secretary, taking the place made vacant by the retirement of Mrs. D. B. Wells; she will not, however, be Field Secretary, but have charge of the administrative work.

Will you be able to go to Northfield? I hope so. We are all just as busy as we can be, and for the first time, I must confess I am literally swamped with work.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Doole.

Let me know about the work of Treasurer by telephone if possible.

Dictated. New York, June 5, 1907.

Mrs. George W. Coleman,

177 West Brookline St.,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Coleman:-

Mr. Diefenderfor of the Young People's Missionary Movement came down on Monday to find out how we were progressing in the enrollment for the Home Mission Conference. I had very little to report, inasmuch as I had been away three weeks attending the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board and of the Cumberland Woman's Board. He wanted to know how the other Boards were getting along, and what the prospects were.

What have you been doing to work up an interest? I told him that we had sent a copy of the flyer to all our auxiliary societies in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England; had had a notice in each of the six Presbyterian papers, and had had two notices in the Home Mission Monthly. So far the response has been very slight, and he said we must do personal work to get anybody there, so my plan is to proceed at once to write to individuals that we may know, urging that they may attend, and if possible assign them something to do.

He suggested that the enrollment cards be ordered, and as Miss Guernsey came in also for the Conference, we decided that this would have to be done, and a number sent to each of the Boards.

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We must, then, keep duplicates and forward them to them, that they may know about the assignment of rooms, etc.

He seems to think that all of us who have a part in the program ought to pay the four dollar enrollment fee, as it is customary for their representatives to do so, the same being considered a contribution to the respective Boards for the work of the Conference.

The unusual weather has, I am sure, prevented a good many people from even planning for summer trips, and if it would only get warm the chances are that we would have more applications and more queries. I shall be able now to do some work and will do the best I can to get a good representation from Presbyterian women. We certainly do not want to have the meeting a failure for lack of people, and yet I think we shall do well if we secure an enrollment of one hundred for the first year. We must stir ourselves about it and do perhaps a little more than we have in the past.

I shall to-day write the representatives of each other Board, and see what progress they are doing. Mr. Diefenderfor said that it was probable Dr. Chivers will not be able to attend, as he will have to go to the Pacific Coast, but that he thinks Dr. Case of the Hanson Place Baptist Church will take his work, and he says Dr. Case is very fine and that he will take the study class, as well as the other work.

I appreciate the fact that we labor under some difficulties in our working up our Conference, because we are all of us busy with other work, while they have a corps of workers who give all their time to their work. This, of course, we can not do, as we each have our own work and this must come in as an extra. I shall be anxious to hear from you and hope you have been more successful than we have been so far.

Yours with love,

Ella A. Boole.

Dictated. New York, June 5, 1907.

Mr. W. C. Beattie,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Beattie:-

We had a most delightful meeting of the Woman's Board yesterday, at which Dr. and Mrs. Campbell of St. Lawrence Island, Mr. Waggoner and Samuel Davis spoke. They had all their Alaskan curios with them; and the spirit of the meeting was one of the very best we have ever attended. Their coming has greatly added to the interest in the Sitka work.

We were especially pleased with the plans that are being made for the evangelistic conference which is to be held, probably, at Juneau in July. Without doubt you know all about it, and we thought you would be interested in knowing the action of the Woman's Board in regard to it. Two places are under consideration for holding the conference - Juneau and Sitka. There are arguments in favor of both, but the probabilities are, however, that it will be held in Juneau. The action taken by the Woman's Board was to the effect that they would pay the traveling expenses of such teachers as could be spared from Sitka to go over there. The expenses will probably be about $20.00 each, though every effort will be made to secure reduced rates on the boat. It is hoped that free entertainment may be provided, but if it can not be free, it will be ar reduced rates, and inasmuch as we would like to have as many as possible go, we

thought the teachers might be willing to defray that expense themselves. We are sure such a conference will mean much for all of you, and trust that it may be arranged for just as many as possible to attend. We appreciate the fact that you will be the best judge as to how many can go, and we give you authority to arrange it in the best way you can.

While I am writing you in regard to this there is another matter I should like to speak about. Mrs. Honeyman of Portland, Oregon, has charge of the box work of the North Pacific Board for the Sitka school, and she is greatly interested in the work; is a woman of means and of consecration. She is exceedingly desirous that the supplies sent should be of the highest order, and that they should meet the needs of the school. Of course, she can not be personally responsible for all the gifts that come, and we know that societies do not always send things as valuable as they say they are, but you can feel perfectly free to write her frankly in regard to all these matters. When boxes come to you which are sent wrong, or on which the freight has not been prepaid, and you know the address from whom they came, let Mrs. Honeyman know about it promptly, and she can, many times, secure a rebate on the freight or collect it from societies.

She put a great deal of time and thought into the purchase of the range and the laundry stove, and it would please her greatly if she knew that they met your exact needs. It is the same way in regard to clothing which she has sent them. Of course, if the things are not satisfactory mistakes can not be remedied if she does not know.

This whole box question is a problem which it is hard to manage, but we have to be very careful not to offend societies, neither must we let them continue to send that which is unsatisfactory.

(Mr. Beattie, #2.)

We had a conference the other day in regard to the Sitka situation, and Mr. Waggoner presented in detail some of the needs of the work there. Now we all wish we had the money to build an entire new plant, but that is out of the question. If one new building had to be erected, in addition to the home for the superintendent, what would you recommend as the very first building to be put up? If there are special needs that can be supplied by special contributions let us know about them, and we will do what we can to secure them. Of course, we have many calls from other stations as well as Sitka, but we can not make our pleas unless we know the situation.

I presume we will all want to go to Alaska in the summer of 1909 if General Assembly meets in Seattle at that time. I know I am one of the ones, and I am counting upon it, though it is a long way ahead of us.

We are just back from the General Assembly, where we had a most delightful time, but find our work presses at every point.

Praying that you may be greatly blessed in your work, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Ella A. Baker

May 11th, 1912.

Miss Lucy N. Morris,
68 South St.,
Morristown, N. J.

My dear Miss Morris:-

Your letter of May 7th at hand. I have not heard from Miss Brown or Miss Slater of the Guild. I am very glad that you have explained to me just which societies are interested in Haines - the Guild and the Young Women's Society.

As you are so interested in Alaska I will be very glad indeed to have you work for Haines, and will enclose another list of the needs the same as I did in my last letter so that you may have it all to yourself. In addition to the list let me say they have requested bandages of all kinds - especially those that are two or three inches wide, rolled hard so they can utilize them better; cotton sponges; gauze compresses, rolls of adhesive plaster; perineal pads; white bath robes and sanitary clothes baskets. I am glad indeed to have your society work for the hospital at Haines.

As you mention having a boy in Sitka I am going to tell you of the need which one of the matrons wrote me about, and it is so simple that possibly one of your societies can help us in this matter. She does need handkerchiefs so much, and what she has asked for is old nightgowns and old sheets, or muslin that can be torn into squares for "nose rags", as the children call them. Another request from

her is for pieces of his gingham that could be cut into neck-
ties for the boys, these would be very acceptable. If you
could undertake something of this kind they could be sent
by mail, quite a number could be put into a four pound
package.

I would be glad to know if you feel your society
could do anything of this kind, and will enclose two re-
port blanks - one for Sitka (in case you do anything in this
line) and the other for Haines. I do not remember whether
I enclosed a report blank for the Guild or not, but if not
and they wish one I will be very glad to send it.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B. Baker

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May 11th, 1912.

Miss M. V. Colmery,
98 North Monroe Ave.,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Miss Colmery:-

Thank you very much for the Synodical report re-
ceived yesterday. We are glad to get it, and it is just in
time for Miss Fraser to use in making out her report before
she goes to General Assembly.

Thanking you again for this report, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs Emily B. Baker

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May 11th, 1912.

Mrs. C. T. Yeomans,
308 Walnut St.,
Danville, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Yeomans:-

Your letter of May 7th to Miss Fraser has been referred to me in order that I may suggest the preparation of clothing for one of our schools as the work for your society. I have, to me, a very interesting work to suggest, and I trust you will find it equally so.

In Tucson, Arizona, we have a Boarding School for both boys and girls among the Pima and Papago Indians. Heretofore we have never considered it wise to ask societies to work for the individual pupil, but this winter the wife of the superintendent indicated her willingness to send the measurements for the individual pupils, thus hoping to secure sufficient outfits for all the girls in the school. We have been eminently successful in securing these outfits and most societies have been delighted with this way of working. A year's outfit for one girl consists of -

2 Gingham dresses, blue and white nurses stripe,
1 Dark blue percale dress, made jumper style,
1 India lawn waist for guimpe, to be worn with above,
3 Underwaists,
3 Long sleeved, cotton ribbed, heavy weight, undervests,
3 Light weight, cotton ribbed undervests, without sleeves,
3 Pair of drawers,
2 Gingham petticoats,
6 Handkerchiefs,
5 Pair of hose,
2 Hair ribbons, blue,
2 Nightdresses.

The dresses should be made to button up in the back having plain skirt, with deep hem, the waists should be made with three small plaits or tucks each side of the hem in the back and small tucks all the way across the front - this gives fullness to the waists which the girls need, they have never worn corsets so consequently have grown very naturally. The drawers should be made with deep seats and short legs. I will enclose sample of the goods for the dresses.

Would be glad to hear from you as to whether you will make an outfit for one or more girls; I can give you the name of girl and age, also the Tribe to which she belongs. We have one pupil thirteen or fourteen years of age, the rest are all between eight and ten years.

I would be very glad indeed to hear from you as to whether this is satisfactory, or whether you wish other suggestions. Please let me know for which church you are writing.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs.) Emily B. Baker

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May 20th, 1912.

Mrs. F. M. Kesler,
1708 Willard St.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Kesler:-

Your letter of May 18th just at hand, and I am very glad indeed to write giving you a list of the articles needed for Lawson, West Va., in the sewing and cooking classes, as well as equipment for rooms.

For the sewing class they have requested -

20 Papers of needles - assorted,
24 [illegible] of thread -
6 [illegible] of silkstone,
40 [illegible] of scissors,
12 Rolls of tape,
12 [illegible] of darning cotton - black,
20 [illegible],
40 [illegible] tape,
12 [illegible] of pins,
24 [illegible] measures,
12 [illegible] wheels,
- [illegible],
- Hooks and eyes.

For the cooking class we have supplied -

24 Dish towels,
40 [illegible],
20 Oven cloths,
20 [illegible],
10 Tray cloths,
40 [illegible] - white,
40 Caps -

Equipment for rooms -

10 Shoe bags,
12 Laundry bags,
20 Wash cloths,
16 Bureau scarfs - 45 x 18 inches,
40 Dust caps,
20 Pairs of sash curtains - 36 inches long, two widths of material.

She has asked that the aprons and caps for the cooking class be white so as to train the girls to be neat in their work. She has also requested kitchen aprons, large, as all our girls are adults in size although their average age is only thirteen. The oven cloths should be made of heavy crash, square, with tape one-half yard long fastened to one of the hemmed ends so girl can pin it to apron band. Crocheted dish cloths have also been requested.

I do not know as I mentioned before that the blankets on the list for Lawson are preferred to the comfortables as being more sanitary, and she would like them the same as they have in the army.

Of course we have a Sunday School in connection with the work at Lawson and these pupils we remember with Christmas gifts. I am very glad indeed to give you a portion of this school for the Christmas gifts, and will suggest the following -

Boys from 6 to 12 years - 12
Girls from 6 to 12 years - 12
Boys from 12 to 18 years - 16
Girls from 12 to 18 years - 20
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As this is one-half of the pupils I will make out the enclosed list in accordance with the full number of pupils and trust you will find it satisfactory. Perhaps it would be well for me to mention at this writing that the box should be shipped by the first week in November, and the very first day if possible, as often there are many delays even in sending to our nearest fields so that it makes us all the more anxious that the boxes should be shipped very

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promptly.

I will enclose a report blank and ask that you make out list on the middle section of this the number of articles, outside of the Christmas gifts, that you will make for the school at Lawson.

Sincerely yours,

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May 20th.

I am sending you to-day an officers' blank. I do not want you to take any trouble for us to render service to any of our officers. I trust you will receive it very soon.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. H. Stevenson,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Stevenson:-

Your postal card at hand. I have written to-day to Mrs. Dodge giving her the shipping address. Thank you very much for this interest.

Sincerely yours,

T-bandages for men, - have pattern,
T-bandages for women, - " "
Breastbinders,
Abdominal binders, 20 inches wide by 36 to 44 inches long, double,
Tray covers of linen, 24 by 18 inches, finished,
Medium sized napkins for table use,
Gingham aprons for servants, no bibs, simply gathered into a band,
Dusters with loop on one corner,
Gingham kimonos for nurses,
Face cloths of tea toweling, large red plaid, square,
Games for nurses that can be played on tables.

The needs as I give them to you, and as are on the Haines schedule, contain what is requested for the future. I usually try to interest societies in the different kinds of work, and after the pledged work is in my hands I ascertain whether the full needs will be met and of course after that do not request any more, but in a hospital they can always use bandages, and such things as I have asked for Haines, as they are soon used up.

I do not know whether there are any of your Guilds that would care to make handkerchiefs of old nightgowns and sheets for the pupils in the [illegible], Alaska, school. There is great need of these as the children are [illegible] very rapidly and the [illegible] [illegible] asking if I could not interest some society either in the making of these, or sending the old sheets and nightgowns for them to tear up.

I will leave these two suggestions with you and then if you wish further information or help I will be very glad indeed to hear from you. When the society, accepting any of this work, writes out the list on the middle section of the report [illegible] [illegible] at the heading of this list the church to which they belong, and if the

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could have a name I would like to have them. It would be very helpful to me if you would request them to send those to me direct.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Jones

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May 25rd, 1912.

Miss E. B. Griffith,
Nashville, Ill.

My dear Miss Griffith:-

Your letter of May 21st at hand. I have been thinking over which was the best field to give your society and have finally decided upon the work at Cortland, Ky., under the care of a Bible reader; this is among the Mountain people. She has a large number of pupils in her Sunday school, we have no Day School. I would suggest the following number -

Boys from 6 to 12 years	- 13
Girls from 6 to 12 years	- 12
Boys from 12 to 18 years	- 15
Girls from 12 to 18 years	- 10
	50

The enclosed list will show you what is desired by this worker to remember her pupils at Christmas time. I will check the gifts preferred with red ink. She prefers the money for the purchase of candy rather than the candy itself. The freight station is at so great a distance, and there is so much trouble in getting the presents to her home, that it is much better to send these articles by mail. I tell you this before you have considered the school so that you may know the best way of sending; four pounds is the maximum weight that can be mailed. She has asked me to emphasize the gifts for boys;

so often there is not much for them and she desires that they be remembered.

This worker, the same as all our Bible readers, makes house to house visitations, helps the people in many ways and tries to interest them in the work of Church and Sunday school. Their opportunities are many as they frequently must teach the people how to care for the sick and how to care for their homes.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory and that I will hear from you to this effect at an early date, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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May 23rd,

Mrs. J. O. Sheldon,
Governeur, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Sheldon:-

Thank you very much indeed for writing of the acceptance of the St. Lawrence Presbyterial Society of the gifts desired for the Farm School at Asheville, N.C. It is very helpful to me to know of the willingness and desire of your society to still remember those boys, and I thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

May 26th, 1912.

Mrs. Charles B. Quick,
14 Nelson St.,
Auburn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Quick:-

Your letter at hand with Officers' blank for which I thank you very much indeed. We think the Directory is pretty nice, it gives everything condensed and in a nut-shell and I am sure that those who receive it must be interested and know more than they did before.

It seems to me that your method of working is fine, it interests me very much and I would certainly like to be at some of your porch parties and lend a hand because you are making it interesting as well as helpful and the result cannot fail of good. The young people should be trained in mission work because they will certainly take our places after years have passed by, and in order to do their best work they must have a little experience before their "mothers" have given it up.

The Christmas gifts seem to interest both the women's and young people's societies, and I do not wonder, because everyone seems to have a heart ready to respond to making the Christmas-tide a bright and happy one for the children, and such grown people who are really children in mind.

You know I am always ready to help you, and hope

that Hot Springs will be satisfactory to your society.

Yours very sincerely.

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May 24th, 1912.

Mrs. Will Caldwell,
116 W. Burnside St.,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Caldwell:-

Thank you very much for your letter of May 19th enclosing list of articles you will send to Hushville, Tennessee. I am very glad of this list, and if you would like to send me another one before you ship the box it would be very helpful to me. If you send your box early in the fall it will be plenty of time, and whenever you are ready for the shipping directions it will be a pleasure for me to send them to you if you will communicate with me.

Kindly thank your society for this assistance, and assure them it will be much appreciated by the teachers and the pupils will enjoy receiving them.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 24th, 1912.

Mrs. E. C. [redacted],
[redacted] Floor,
[redacted], N.Y.

My dear Mrs. [redacted]:-

According to my promise I am very glad indeed to write you concerning work for your society.

We have in Tucson, Arizona, a boarding school for boys and girls among the Pima and Papago Indians; one of great interest and doing a splendid work for the pupils under its care. This school has been under our care for a number of years; when it was built some years ago, in Tucson, it was all country and after years had passed by it was in the central of the town; of course the people did not want a school of obstreperous boys and girls, so the property was sold a few years ago and land purchased quite a little ways out so that they could have more farm land and new buildings erected. These boys and girls are trained not only in the school-room, but the girls in household duties and the boys farming and other outside things.

As I mentioned to you, while you were in the office, we are trying to secure a year's outfit for each girl and we will be very glad indeed to interest your society in this part of our work. A year's outfit for one girl is as follows -

2 Gingham dresses, blue and white nurses stripe,
1 Rock blue parcale dress made jumper style,
1 India lawn waist, for guimpe to be worn with above,
3 Underwaists,
3 Heavy weight cotton ribbed undershirts, with long sleeves,
3 Light weight cotton ribbed undershirts, without sleeves,
3 Ends of [illegible],
2 [illegible],
6 [illegible],
2 [illegible], dark blue,
5 Pairs of hose,
2 Nightdresses.

I will enclose sample of goods such as we desire to have the dresses and guimpe made from. We have secured the outfits for all the older pupils and have only the younger ones between eight and ten years of age left. If this meets with approval I will be very glad to send you one or more pupils according as your society thinks they can prepare for.

The Christmas list I gave you. We can suggest pupils according to age, both boys and girls, a portion of a school according to the number of pupils your society would like to remember. The slip giving directions for the making of candy bags I think you will find helpful, and in addition would say that if bags eight inches wide by twelve long, having a ribbon for drawing string forming a ruffle at the top, could be made the candy could be put in paper bags, these bags placed in the silkolene bags and the recipient will have a little bag after the candy is eaten up; these should be made of a pretty, dainty silkolene.

In Sitka, Alaska, there has been a request for handkerchiefs made of old nightgowns or sheets - something

soft; the children use them up very rapidly and I am trying to interest societies in making these. They could be sent by mail in packages weighing four pounds this being the maximum weight.

We have needs in our San Juan Hospital, Porto Rico, for articles such as bandages, towels having different colored borders, sheets and pillow cases, surgical nightdresses - which open in the back and are tied with tapes, baby clothing, etc.

I think possibly from these needs you will be able to select something that your society would like to undertake.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 24th, 1912.

Mrs. Mary G. Thompson,
Lima, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Thompson:-

Thank you very much indeed for your postal accepting Jewett, Tennessee, as the recipient of the box of second-hand clothing your society will have to send. I am sure Mrs. Hotchkiss and daughter will appreciate very much your interest in her behalf.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 3rd, 1912.

Mrs. Annie Fletcher,
Wayne, Pa. R.F.D.,

My dear Mrs. Fletcher:-

Your letter at hand this morning. I am very glad indeed to write you again and to thank you for accepting the Laurel field.

The Laurel field is in North Carolina consisting of a number of schools under the care of Miss Goodrich. "It gets its name from the branching creek on which most of the stations are, and from the masses of rhododendrons on its banks and on the mountain sides." There are nine stations. Miss Goodrich is the General Superintendent; she has all these schools under her supervision having at the head of each a competent worker who can care for it and with whom she can confer so as to get the best ideas and methods; it is among the Mountaineers. Miss Goodrich began with one school and awakened an interest in the people so that it was necessary for her to open another, and the work has kept on increasing until they have the nine. They are arousing the people to industrious habits, one of them being the weaving of rag rugs, curtains, table covers and such things.

I will be glad to hear from you as to the amount of bedding, etc., your society will prepare as I am quite anxious to get sufficient societies interested to secure the full amount

of needs. I have written to two or three other societies so I feel quite sure there will not be any trouble in securing the necessary amount for these schools.

Trusting that this will explain the matter and be satisfactory, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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June 5th, 1912.

Mrs. W. T. Cooper,
67 West Pierrepont St.,
Montclair, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Cooper:-

Thank you very much for your postal card giving me the decision of your society to work for Lawson. I am sorry that there was no bedding list enclosed so I will send one at this writing.

The school at Lawson has been under our care for some little time. Perhaps you will remember a few years ago - about four, I think - the building was set on fire by the over-turning of a lamp by one of the children who were studying around the table. Everything possible was done to get all the pupils out, but there were three younger children, who did not study at night, in a room asleep upstairs, and they were burned to death. The teacher in charge at that time had the little bodies brought out and placed on the lawn and stayed by them all night. A new building was erected and the work enlarged somewhat. We have about forty girls in the school who are taught in the schoolroom, and at such times as they are not busy with their lessons they are given training in household work and have special classes in cooking and sewing, as I imagine you will understand from the list sent you. The

ides is that these girls shall be well trained in these industries so that they can lead useful lives in the future, even though they marry and have a home they will be better fitted to care for their families and homes. Sunday school and church work is also accomplished.

The work was begun by a Bible reader in 1895; Girls' Home opened in 1901, giving industrial training to the girls; in 1905 a Boarding and Day school for girls organized; in 1906 Home and school building destroyed by fire; 1907 dedication of new dormitory and chapel schoolhouse and 1911 enlargement made on dormitory so as to accommodate a larger number of pupils.

I think that you will find these items of interest, and I trust you will send me a list of the articles you will prepare for Lawson, because I do not wish to interest more societies than just enough to meet the needs.

Thanking you for continued interest. Whenever you wish the shipping directions I will be glad to send them to you.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. Emily S. Baker.

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June 6th, 1912.

Mrs. I. W. Carey,
307 West 15th St.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Carey:-

Thank you very much for your letter saying that you feel quite sure your society can promise twelve rugs for Bell Institute; this is much appreciated, and will help to give comfort to the pupils in the schools.

Bell Institute came under our care at the time of the union of the Southern Presbyterian Church with ours. From what I have heard concerning the school I think that everything was in a pretty bad condition. I presume the Southern Church did not have the money to do anything, and consequently the school had to have much done for it; we, also, had to go slow. I see that it was transferred to the Woman's Board in 1908 from the Cumberland Church. In 1908 and 1911 the average enrollment in the boarding school was 65, in the day school 119. In 1910 the lower grades were discontinued as provision had been made for them in the public school. Bell Institute then became a Boarding School for Girls. We have about fifty in the boarding school; it is doing excellent work in giving these girls the training in the school, and then when they are not busy with their lessons they have the industrial work - everything that pertains to a home, sewing, cooking, etc., so

that when they leave the school they will be the better fitted to cope with the world and to really make a home.

We have in charge there a teacher, who has been under our care for some time in various schools, and has had the care of this one for the past year. She is very much interested in it and of course doing all possible for these pupils. I do not think I have ever met her, but we can always tell from the letters about what kind of women our teachers are.

Thank you for the acceptance of the preparation of Christmas gifts for Chimayo, N. M. by your Presbyterial Society. Poor Miss English has been in trouble; she has been home on a vacation and her father and sister have both been ill. When Miss English wrote me last week they were both on the mend and she was now hoping to get a little rest so as to be in readiness for her work when the time came.

The Baptists are certainly doing very fine work, but that was for the whole State, not simply for a Presbyterial Society; and then there are boxes and boxes - some are large and some are small. I do not think that Minneapolis Presbyterial Society need feel at all discouraged at the work they are doing, for the schools alone amounts to quite a little. I think it is a great deal to supply Christmas cheer for so large a school as Chimayo. Perhaps if you could count all the boxes sent from the Presbyterian churches in the State they would equal the work of the Baptists. I am very proud of the Presbyterian women.

If there is anything I can do to help you, or Miss Conklin, secretary of the bands, do not hesitate to let me know as it will be a pleasure.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 6th, 1912.

Miss Laura D. Gerhard,
37 E. Fairmount Ave.,
Newark, N. J.

My dear Miss Gerhard:-

Your letter of June 4th is a very welcome one giving your decision to send gifts to the school at Harlan, Ky. I am very glad indeed that I had this small school to give you for I think it is so nice for a Young People's Society to have the whole thing to itself. The list of gifts is sent you for your society to select such as it would like to contribute for the happiness of the girls in this school; therefore, you can do as you think best, although I do not consider it necessary to send the same gift to every girl unless it be a doll, as was requested. Perhaps you do not know but the older girls among the Mountain people are very young in their actions and ways, and do enjoy a doll even at eighteen years of age, and I presume this is the reason why the teacher has asked that every girl have a doll. In fact, many of our Indian schools I have known of the married women to ask for dolls.

Perhaps if I quote from the teacher's letter it will make it a little clearer to you; she writes that "everyone will be glad of a doll whatever the age of the girl might be. They always need mittens and Bibles, even those who

come from the better homes do not have them." They can get candy at the wholesale place, not far away, so that it would be better to send money for the candy than to purchase the candy itself.

The girls as given in my letter, and copied in yours - Girls from 6 to 12 - 5 is correct.
Girls from 12 to 18 - 15

I would suggest making aprons for the older girls - say from twelve to eighteen years - and making them with a band and strings; these, of course, if you intend to undertake this part of the list.

Perhaps it would be of interest for you to know that a day school was opened in Harlan in 1892, and in 1896 buildings for academy and boarding school for girls erected; in 1911 the academy work was transferred, the building rented to public school authorities and the Home retained by the Woman's Board, where we have an Industrial School for Girls. That accounts for having but twenty girls in the school.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, and that if you have any other questions you wish to ask, or information desired, you will not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely yours,

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August 13th, 1912.

Mrs. E. J. Wildrick,
Hackettstown, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Wildrick:-

Your postal card is very welcome indeed and I hope I will not overwhelm you in what I am going to suggest. You did not tell me just how much money your society expect to send, but I am writing on the basis of last year's gift from your society, which was fifty dollars.

We have a number of requests for useful and necessary things; for instance, in San Juan, Colorado, we have a day school among the Mexican people. It is a very lonesome field but the one in charge has been there for a number of years. She will need fifty dollars for general supplies - anything that she may need in her schoolroom, it may be blackboards or other things.

In Jarrold's Valley, West Va., we have a work under the care of Bible readers who are doing a splendid work. These workers have been in this part of our country for about thirteen years and the interest has increased from one Sunday school until now they have four or five, and the standard of the people has certainly been raised. Of course they cannot take care of all the Sunday schools, but they have some of the Mountaineer people in charge while they supervise. They will need fifty dollars for current expenses or for equipment.

In Walnut Run, N. C., we have a day school among the Mountain people. The teacher there has requested twenty-five dollars for a fence to keep out other people's cattle and such nuisances as annoy her very much. We have requests for more than one fence at this same price.

In Wolf Point, Montana, among the Indians, they need a large amount for current expenses, and perhaps your society would like to contribute whatever amount you have towards the current expenses. Mrs. King is at the head of Wolf Point and a very interesting woman. She was in our school at Good Will, N. D., some years ago. She gave up her work there and married an Indian by the name of C. D. King. They say he was a very fine looking man and had a very fine character. They were married and settled at Wolf Point, he having charge of the work there. They were married about two or three years when he died, leaving her with a little boy to take care of. She has since then been in charge of this work herself and I really think the Indians could not get along without her now because she has been, as they say, their "American mother", and a great help to them in every way.

I will leave these suggestions with you and hope that if none of these are satisfactory that you will let me know and I will be glad to try again.

Yours very sincerely,

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August 28th, 1912.

Mrs. Emily T. Fleet,
Cutchogue, L.I., N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Fleet:-

This morning's mail brought a letter from the principal of our school at Harlan, Ky., to whom I had written concerning the books you so kindly offered to send to some place needing them. She writes they will be very glad indeed of these books as the little library they have is about worn out and there are many unsuitable works among them. They will be delighted to have these books, and therefore I will suggest that you send them to this boarding school.

I will enclose the shipping directions on another sheet and trust you will find it plain. Please notify the teacher when you ship the books, and our workers not having money to meet any freight charges I trust this will be paid by your society. Freight will be the better, because cheaper, way to send the books. The workers in Harlan and missionary will co-operate in placing them in their library.

We have had Harlan under our care for a number of years, and for a long time after the work opened it was absolutely dangerous for the teacher to say anything about the people in this vicinity; they were very sensitive and would as a rule attribute a wrong motive. One time a teacher sent an article to the Home Mission Monthly,

which told much about the people, and she had to leave suddenly in the night in order to avoid any trouble. Now the people welcome the school and are very glad to do anything they can to further conditions. Of course they are not able to do much of anything but we are glad of their interest.

Before closing I might suggest that you do not send any books that are not in good condition, and of course we will leave this to you.

May I have a line from you so as to know whether you will send to Harlan where the books will be much appreciated?

Yours very sincerely,

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October 1st, 1912.

Miss Clara M. Clarke,
129 Hubbell St.,
Canandaigua, N. Y.

My dear Miss Clarke:-

Your letter of September 27th at hand. As I am just back from my vacation I am very glad indeed to write you because I think I understand my own work, and the work of your society, perhaps, a little better than others; although Miss Taft did very well in writing you.

As your boxes are usually valuable, and also as you purchase bedding and such things, I wonder what you would think of sending some denim to our Boarding School among the Mountain people at Mount Vernon, Ky. The principal has written me of the need of this as she is trying to carry out a color scheme in the different dormitories, and would like a certain number of yards of the different colors; this is to be used in the place of white spreads. She thinks this will save washing and make the rooms a little more attractive. Then with this she is needing the ten cent quality of cheesecloth for curtains. The girls can make them for their rooms if they have the material.

While I was absent on vacation a letter came from the principal of the school asking for kindergarten supplies; as she wanted them immediately, and we could not get them, the list was returned to her. It may be

that you would like to do work of this kind and send a few of these things; if so, I will be glad to find out what is needed. This is one suggestion for your society.

We have made a change of principals at the Dwight Mission school, in Oklahoma, and in September I received a list of bedding and other things that are needed for this school. Will give you a list of these articles so you may have these to consider with the purchasing of the denim, etc.

Unbleached sheets,	double	50
Bleached "	"	30
Unbleached "	single	50
Bleached "	"	30
Bed spreads	double	12
" "	single	10
Cotton blankets,	double	30
" "	single	20
" "	double (for teachers)	4
" "	single " "	4
Table cloths, 4 yards long		3
" " 3 " "	(for children)	12
Napkins, bleached	(for teachers)	36
Linen napkins, red and white, large check		100
Hand towels, for teachers		48
Bath " "		48
Linen toweling, for towels for children		
Wash cloths		36
Kitchen aprons, large size to cover dresses, without sleeves		36
Heavy duck aprons, cut in one piece, for laundry use		24
Scissors, for sewing bags		24
Large shears for cutting		3
Work bags for sewing room		30

Thread,
Needles,
Darners,
Pins,
Safety pins,
Tape,
Tape-measures,
Pin cushions, any quantity.

Rugs are greatly desired, also swiss or scrim, or any kind of goods for curtains. Gowns for both boys and girls.

If you decide upon sending denim and such things

to Mount Vernon, I can give you the colors and the quantity of each color desired.

It may be that neither of these will be satisfactory, and if so, I trust you will write me and I will try again; but these are two important needs, and as your society sends such a valuable box, I thought it would be no harm in suggesting.

Yours very sincerely,

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October 1st, 1918.

Miss Rose McCord,
Mount Vernon, Ky.

My dear Miss McCord:-

Your letter of September 21st is here. I will do all I can to get the denim and cheese-cloth. I thought perhaps the Board would grant sufficient money for the purchase of the denim, but I understand they will not and we must wait for a society to contribute for this purpose. You did not tell me how much cheesecloth you wanted. Let me know this and perhaps I can help you myself with the cheesecloth.

I trust the good work is going on nicely and that you are equal to the work of the winter. I have just returned from the second part of my vacation and am feeling first-class, am hoping and praying that it will continue, but after one enters such nervous work as there is in the office, it soon wears off what flesh and strength one has gained during the summer.

Lovingly,

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October 1st, 1912.

Miss Margaret Reeve,
20 Franklin Place,
Morristown, N. J.

My dear Miss Reeve:-

Your letter of September 4th has had to await my return from vacation. Yesterday being my first day back at my desk work I am glad to write you promptly.

I hope I am not too late in interesting you in the work at Ellis Island. The work there is changeable, of course, sometimes an immigrant can be passed right through, then again they will be detained for two or three weeks for some cause or other. Many of these people come here with little clothing, both for themselves and children. Sometimes the women are glad to sew, as it keeps their minds busy and they do not think so much of their homeland they have left behind.

The missionary at Ellis Island has mentioned the need of baby clothing, consisting of slips, petticoats, skirts, booties - made of outing flannel, diaper and diaper pins and outing flannel hands - pinked, not hemmed. Then if she could have clothing for children from two to ten years of age, and masks for the women, she would be very glad of these.

If this work meets with approval, and you wish further information, I will be glad to give you the name of the missionary and she will write you more fully than

I can, and I trust create an interest for these poor people who are coming to our land.

It may be that you would like to make something in the line of Christmas gifts for the people detained at Christmas time, or you may want to send money for the purchase of some little cookies, and things of that kind, for the people.

I will leave this suggestion with you and will be glad to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

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If you accept this work you can have until the beginning of the fourth week in November to mail them; it will be too late to send in any other way. A four pound package is the maximum weight and will cost one cent an ounce, or sixty-four cents for the four pounds.

May I have an early reply from you so as to know what to expect, as I am getting anxious about this school?

Sincerely yours,

Miss Emily B Baker

Dict. EBB/C

November 1st, 1912.

Miss Anna M. Alward,
Bernardsville, N. J.

My dear Miss Alward:-

Just after you left the office I found the little article about parcel post.

Announcement has been made that stamps will be ready in time to inaugurate the Parcel's Post System on January first. If parcel's post packages do not bear the special stamp they will be marked "held for postage", and not sent.

Thought you would like to have this information.

Sincerely yours,

Emily B Baker

Dict. EBB/C

November 4th, 1912.

Rev. Samuel G. Palmer,
Falls Creek, Pa.

My dear Mr. Palmer:-

Your letter of November 1st at hand this morning. I certainly wish it was possible for your Sunday school to send the gifts they have in mind sooner than the early part of December. I think the plan a fine one as, as the children grow up, they are to take our places and should be trained to give as well as to a knowledge of the needs of their own country.

I will be pleased to give you the name of a school where an extra quantity of gifts would be very acceptable, but if possible it would be better to send them not later than the last week in November; in fact I begin this work in February, getting my information from the teachers, and am all ready by the latter part of March or first of April to interest societies in the preparation of gifts for our various schools. There is a great deal of delay caused by sidetracking of the cars waiting for further freight, and often it will take six weeks or more for a box to reach one of our schools. Of course if sent by express it will reach the field quicker, but we like to avoid the expense of express and have things sent by freight which is very much less as to cost.

We have in Tucson, Arizona, a school among the

Pima and Papago boys and girls, one that is educating the children in the schoolroom not only, but giving such training as will be helpful in their life work. The pupils who have already left the school are known for their good work. We have about 180 pupils in this school, and if your Sunday school could send fifty this would be just about the number of children, from six to twelve, as scheduled on my file. Perhaps it would be helpful to you if I should put in a list of gifts such as they have requested, and if possible you can work from that. Of course you will see that nothing old is put into the box because such things could not be used for Christmas.

I will enclose a leaflet concerning our Tucson school, and as many other leaflets as we have that would be interesting to you and to the Sunday school.

Thanking you for this interest, and trusting you will let me know whether this school is satisfactory, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily D. Baker

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I will send shipping directions if accepted.

November 6th, 1912.

Miss Frances L. Goodrich,
White Rock, N. C.

My dear Miss Goodrich:-

Your letter of November first, with inquiry concerning the needs of Haines, at hand. I do not know just how many comfortables and quilts will be sent there, although I have interested a number of Westminster Guilds in preparing articles for Haines. It may be that they will send such things as can be sent by mail - towels, bandages, etc; I do not always get a list promptly of the articles they will prepare.

The expense of sending is about $3.50 a hundred from any point east of the Pacific coast, and from the Pacific coast to Alaska $3.50 a hundred pounds, making $7.00 in all; this, of course, is approximate as it varies - sometimes it will be a little more, and sometimes a little less, perhaps. Any amount of freight weighing less than a hundred pounds costs more proportionately than the one hundred pounds. Of course we would be delighted to have the Laurel societies make comfortables and quilts, but think the expense should be considered. All freight should be sent direct to the field.

Should you desire work of this kind nearer at home I could give it to you. We need comfortables in Albuquerque, N. M., our boarding school for Mexican boys, and there are other places where they would be glad to

receive them.

I made inquiries concerning the young doctor and nurse, and learn that about five months ago they were married. She still occupies the position as nurse.

I would be glad to enclose a list of other things needed by Haines for your society, but having interested so many Westminster Guilds in the work I am sure that, outside of the bedding, the needs will be supplied.

Trusting you enjoyed your trip, and that you are quite well,

Yours cordially,

(Mrs) Emily B Baker

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November 6th, 1912.

Mrs. Thomas H. West,
254 W. Main St.,
Waynesboro, Pa.

My dear Mrs. West:-

Thank you very much for your letter of October 31st. It is a great satisfaction and help to learn of the Christmas box being sent in ample time. I trust the letter received from Miss Bell will show her great appreciation.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B Baker

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November 9th, 1912.

Mrs. F. W. Kirkpatrick,
47 Comstock St.,
Joliet, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Kirkpatrick:-

Your postal, in reference to Christmas gifts, sent to us by Mrs. Adams of Chicago, at hand.

It is rather late for a school, and I am very glad to say that every school but one in the Station has had gifts pledged for their pupils and the boxes are probably on their way by this time. We have one exception, however, and that is in San Pablo, Colorado. This school has been closed for about two years and re-opened this fall; of course there was no one there until this fall, and I have not had any information yet concerning the need, but when the school was in session before they numbered about 75 boys and girls. I am going to ask if your society will send gifts for this number of pupils - say about 40 boys and 35 girls.

I will enclose a general list so that you may see about what is desired and you can select such gifts as your society would like to send. It may be that you can select such as can be sent by mail. I will give you both mail and freight address so that you will have them both at hand, and would ask that you send me a postal stating whether you will accept this school or not.

Perhaps it would be well for you to know that we begin this work in February, so that we have our information ~~will~~ ready for societies by the first of April and try

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by have as many gifts pledged as possible before vacation time. If your would like to do work of this kind another year, and will write me in the spring, I will be very glad indeed to give you the necessary information.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B. Baker

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P.S. On thinking the matter over, I think perhaps it would be better to select gifts that you can send by mail as I am not sure of the fright station. Miss Ada G. Wagner, San Pablo, Colorado, is the address.

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November 9th, 1912.

Miss Louise Beaty,
Narberth,
Mont. Co., Pa.

My dear Miss Beaty:-

I do not know whether you are aware of the fact that I am looking forward to a little talk with you concerning the needs of the hospital. A number of societies have written asking for this information, and some are getting impatient as they are anxious to get at work. One society sent a telegram this morning so as to be sure she might have the needs of the hospital by Monday.

This is simply to remind you of the fact that I am waiting anxiously to see you. If you could drop me a postal so that I might know about what time you will be in it would be helpful to me.

November 11th, 1912.

Mrs. E. G. Elderkin,
Como,
Ravalli Co., Mont.

My dear Mrs. Elderkin:-

Your letter to the Board of Home Missions, regarding a place to send a Christmas box or barrel, at hand. This work belonging to my department I am very glad indeed to write you and suggest that you send the Christmas cheer you are expecting to get ready to Wolf Point, Montana. That is right in your own State, and the freight will not be very expensive.

I have already interested a society in this school, but I am sure a few extra will not come amiss as the Indians of a larger growth expect to be remembered at the Christmas time, as well as the children, and are greatly disappointed if they are not.

If you could send for thirty pupils it will be very helpful. I am enclosing a list of gifts such as we have received from this school so that you may know what will be acceptable.

We receive no favors from express companies or railroads. It is probable that the expense will be so little you will not need to ask for this reduction, as I understand they do give it personally to an individual if they have any friend to whom they can apply.

As it is very late I would ask that you prepare

the box soon and ship it not later than the last week in November so that the worker in charge may know just exactly what she can depend upon. I will give you the address as you are so far away that it will be well to have it at hand, and ask that you send me postal whether this meets with approval or not.

The candy bags make very interesting work, and I will enclose a slip giving suggestions as to the making, and at the same time say that for the girls you may make a bag of a pretty dainty silkoline, eight by twelve inches when finished, having ribbon for drawing string which will form ruffle at top, then when the candy is eaten this will form a nice little work bag for the recipient. Ten cents per bag for the purchase pf candy would be very acceptable.

Perhaps,as you state you are new to the work, it would be well for me to tell you a little of our method of working in securing Christmas gifts for our schools. In February of each year I correspond with our teachers asking for information necessary for societies to become interested in the preparation of these gifts, and by the latter part of March or first of April my files are all ready, so that I welcome any request for this kind of work from our societies and can give them a choice. It is astonishing how eager our societies are to do this work, so that by the first of October the gifts have been pledged for the most of the schools by the different societies. We find this necessary, as in sending even to our nearer fields, it often takes from six weeks to two months for a box to reach its destination.

If your Sunday School class or society would like

to undertake work of this kind again, and make the gifts, I will be glad to hear from you in the spring.

I forgot to state that this school is among the Sioux and Assiniboines Indians. We have in this school a principal, matron and three teachers. It may be that you would like to remember one or two of these with a small Christmas gift.

Trusting to have a postal from you stating whether the Sunday school will undertake this work or not,

Yours very sincerely,

(Miss) Estella B. Baker

Miss Bell

November 11th, 1913.

Miss Julia A. Bell,
263 W. 127th St.,
City.

My dear Miss Bell:-

Thank you for your letter of November 7th giving me the quantity of bedding your society will prepare for the Mennui School. You can leave out the aprons if you think best; to me they would be more attractive than the bedding, but we are not all alike.

Thank you very much for your good wishes for my health. I am about as well as a young person of my age can be and enjoying every day, whether it rains or shines, for I think the rain is necessary and I do enjoy a day of that kind once in a while.

Yours very sincerely,

November 18th, 1912.

Miss Elizabeth G. Black,
New Castle, Del.

My dear Miss Black:-

I had an interview with Miss Stephenson last week and she has requested the following articles -

Nightdresses, very large, for the oldest girls - any quantity of these she could use.
3 Dozen spreads for single, three-quarter and double beds of light weight, such a s are used in the hospitals,
Sheets or sheeting,
Bird's-eye,
Table napkins,
Colored gingham skirts, seersucker would be a good material, white and blue, having a good hem, and if you desire to make these it would be well to cut the band large and not sew it to the skirt; this could be done in the school.
Stockings - sizes, 8, 9 and 10.
Darning cotton and notions,
Strips of carpet, and table linen.

Then I have just received my list from the Normal and Collegiate, of bedding, etc., a copy of which I will enclose. I have written for further information so it may be I can add to this.

I am sorry to have been so long in writing you again, so that you might have this to consider in connection with Harlem, but I have just heard from the teachers and that is the reason you have not heard from me before.

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs Emily E. Black

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November 18th, 1912.

Mrs. Helen C. Mauro,
2 Lansing St.,
Auburn, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Mauro:-

I could not write you in time for your meeting of Wednesday, last week; your letter, although received on the eleventh, I had so much ahead of yours that it was impossible for me to give you the information in time. I was anxiously awaiting information from the school so that I could give you the full particulars. This has just come this morning. I think I will give you the measurements of two girls for the dresses - three of the seersucker, and one dark blue percale.

I have selected Frances Lopez, Papago girl, 14 years old last year. "She is a very promising girl, bright and quick in every way, and a hard worker". The measurements of last year were -

Neck ---------- 12 inches,
Bust ---------- 3 0 "
Waist --------- 27 "
Across chest -- 15 "
" back --- 15 "
Length of front from neck ----- 15 inches
" " back " " ----- 14 "
Under arm seam - 8 inches,
Sleeve ---------15 "
Skirt ----------23 "

With this I will suggest a smaller girl - Sarah Enos, Pima, eight years old. "She is one of the youngest in the school". I have simply her bust measure, 29 inches, and waist, 30 inches.

I will be glad to hear from you as soon as

possible whether you can supply the dresses for these two, and do anything else, such as I think I wrote you were needed in this school.

Yours very sincerely,

Miss Emily B. Baker

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November 18th, 1912.

Mr. W. D. Johnson,
47 West 34th St.,
City.

My dear Mr. Johnson:-

I think you got some small carbon for me about a year ago. We are now in need of some, and would ask that you get it for me, measuring 4-7/8 inches long by 3 inches wide. This is the best size for the work we have to do. I think that you got last year was longer. This should be a black carbon, good quality. I have forgotten how many there were in the package.

May I trouble you to get this for me?

Sincerely yours,

Miss Emily B. Baker

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November 18th, 1912.

Miss Mary L. Jennings,
Uniontown, Pa.

My dear Miss Jennings:-

I have not forgotten that your society wanted work, but I have been trying to get the information from Tucson as to what really would be the needs this year, and now I have it with my list of girls so I can write you definitely. I sent my list of last year back to the school to see if these girls were still there and any new ones they had. We have six new girls, but perhaps your society would prefer just making the three seersucker dresses and one dark blue percale dress for two or three pupils, or if you prefer making a smaller number of dresses, and mending some of the underwear needed, this will be very acceptable. I think it would be much better for you to work for this school again, in case your society would like to undertake it, than to work for either of the Asheville schools.

I will give you three girls and hope to hear from you if it is satisfactory. I have selected Annie Lewis, Pima, nine years old. "A child of one of the former students of the school; bright and pretty".

Neck ---------- 12 inches,
Bust ---------- 52 "
Waist --------- 28 "
Across chest -- 12-1/2 inches,
" back --- 12-1/2 "
Length of front from neck --- 13 inches,
" " back " " --- 13 "
Under arm seam ----- 7-1/2 inches,
Sleeve ----------12 "
Skirt ----------22 "

Cleophe Narcia, Papago, 14 years. "A new student and seemingly very bright".

Neck ---------- 13-1/2 inches,
Bust ---------- 34 "
Waist -------- 29 "
Across chest -- 13-1/2 "
" back --- 13-1/2 "
Length of front from neck --- 16 inches,
" " back " " --- 15 "
Under arm seam ------8-1/2 inches,
Sleeve---------- -17 "
Skirt ----------35 "

Mollie Willington, Pima, ten years. "A girl who comes from a very devout Catholic family; new last year".

Neck ---------- 13inches
Bust ---------- 34 "
Waist---------- 31 "
Across chest -- 13 "
" back --- 13 "
Length of front from neck ---14-1/2 inches
" " back " " ----14-1/2 "
Under arm seam --- 8 inches
Sleeve ----------15 "
Skirt ----------22 "

The needs, outside of for the girls, are for -

Table linen, bleached,
5 Six-yard table cloths, unbleached,
Four-yard table cloths - large quantity. This is very much needed.
Cotton blankets, single bed - 50
Sheets, " " - 50
For the boys: drawers, undershirts, blue gingham shirts, overalls, sizes 9 to 20; large quantity of boys' half hose.

Rev. Mr. Record, the new superintendent this year, writes there is barely enough clothing for the boys to begin this year with.

I trust that this will be satisfactory, and that I will have a line from you telling me just what you will undertake.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B. Baker

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November 22,1912.

Miss Mae R.Holway,
20 Loretto St.,
Tonawanda,N.Y.

My dear Miss Holway:-

Your letter of November 20th at hand and referred to me for attention. I take it for granted that the clothing is that that has been worn before and if I am right will you allow me to suggest that nothing be selected for the barrel that is not in good order and has much good wear in it.

We have in Hot Springs,N.C. a boarding school among the Mountain People. The Principal has written of the need of clothing for children as well as grown people; she can use everything that is good with the exception of derby hats and swallow tail coats; she does not care for coats as a rule as so many are sent in barrels she always has a supply on hand.

As a rule I do not enclose shipping directions with the letter written to interest a society in a certain school,but will do so at this writing and ask that you send me a postal whether you will send to Hot Springs or not. I think you will find the directions clear,but if there is any explanation necessary kindly write me and I will be glad to explain. Do not fail to write her and pay the freight expenses as our teachers have no fund to meet this.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs Emily C. Cale

November 27th, 1912.

Mrs. Mary Hossman,
815 - 7th St.,
Portsmouth, O.

My dear Mrs. Hossman:-

Your letter of November 22nd at hand. It may be that you do not know that we do not give out clothing to our pupils as Christmas gifts. These things are given out during the year to such as are needy in the different fields where it is received.

I am sorry that your society feel as they do about the selling of the clothing. We have the good of the people more at heart than we do the giving of the actual clothing; great care is necessary not to pauperize these people, we are trying to raise the standard so that in the future they will be able to care for themselves and not need any help at all. In fact, in some of our schools, they do not wish for clothing thinking it better for the people not to have it; but if we can teach them that there is a value in everything, which must be met by themselves, if possible, either in work or something they may raise on their little patches of ground, or the money, if they have it,/ The amount charged we will certainly have gained something. is very little - one or two of our teachers, where the clothing is sold, writes me that perhaps they will charge five cents for a gingham apron. It does not hurt the people to try to raise money to purchase the clothing they receive at the hands of our teachers.

We cannot ask our teachers to pay freight charges

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on boxes or barrels. You can readily see that the small amount they charge for the garments it would take some time before they would realize sufficient to pay much freight. The money is generally used for the purchase of equipment for the school, or something the teacher finds is very necessary and she does not want to call upon the Board for it.

Trusting that after my explanation your ladies will have a different feeling about the matter, and that I will hear from you as to whether you will send the barrel to Jewett, Tennessee.

Yours very sincerely,

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November 27th, 1922.

Miss. Janette S. Silcox,
Washington St.,
Portsmouth, O.

My dear Miss Silcox:-

Thank you for your card of November 25th received this morning. Perhaps you do not understand the method of reports to the Presbyterial Society; but each year blanks are sent from this office, in January, to the Presbyterial Secretaries of the Woman's Board, and also to the Presbyterial Secretaries of the Young Peoples' Societies, so that they may send to the local societies and get a collated report of all work done. This will take in all societies - Young Peoples, Young Womens, Bands, C. E.'s, Westminster Guilds and everything, so that when this report reaches whoever has charge of such matters in your church, note should be made on one of these blanks of the work you have done, and the boxes you have sent to Haines, in this way you will get credit Presbyterially. Credit is given you by me on cards, upon which I keep a file of everything done by our societies; no matter how small a box is sent it is noted on these cards and in this way I know just about what is sent to our different schools and hospitals. Then I have a book in which I keep a statistical report giving the number and kind of articles sent by different societies.

I certainly think you should have a report at

the Presbyterial meeting of everything done by your members, because if you do not they may think you are doing nothing and will not know the strength of your church work.

If this is not plain kindly let me hear from you and I will be glad to answer any questions, or give help in any way possible.

Yours very sincerely,

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November 27th, 1912.

Miss Matilda M. Walker,
Hope Cottage, Ivis, Ky.

My dear Miss Walker:-

Mrs. E. Bronk, of Amsterdam, N. Y., my correspondent in regard to the Christmas box from her society, has requested me to write you that the box was shipped the middle of November, and she hopes it will reach you in ample time. She forgot to save your mail address so that she could write you herself, so this you can just imagine is Mrs. Bronk writing you.

Trusting that everything will be just what you would like to have for Christmas, and that both pupils, teachers and everybody will have a lovely time, I am

Yours very cordially,

November 29th, 1912.

Mr. Harry G. Smith,
22 Ferry St.,
Kingston, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Smith:-

I do not know whether you are aware of the fact that it takes boxes a long while to reach a place at any distance, and I am not quite sure that a box gotten together now will reach its destination because there is less than four weeks before the holidays. I, however, will give you two places - the one is Ellis Island, N. Y. where we have a missionary for the immigrants as they come to this country. Many of them are detained for one, two or three weeks over the holiday times, and of course the missionaries of all the denominations work together and try to give them a bright and happy time in this their new country. One year I was down there, the day before Christmas, when they were having their festivities and although I did not see them give out the presents, yet everything was very impressive. People of each nationality sat in a certain space and there was music, sometimes they will have a quartett, and a missionary will talk to them in their own tongue, at the end of his address the band will play the national air. Of course many of them were greatly touched when they heard their home music. Of course a box would undoubtedly reach this place in a short time.

The other field I would suggest is in Clear Creek, West Va., where we have a missionary or Bible reader, as

she is sometimes called. This missionary makes house to house visitations, giving help wherever opportunity offers, and these are many. We do not have any day school here, but a Sunday school, and the older people are just like children - they enjoy the Christmas gift and look for it, and are greatly disappointed if they do not receive it.

I will not give you the shipping address for either of these places until I hear from you as to which one you will accept.

Yours very sincerely,

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November 29th, 2.

Miss Bessie Donovan, Huntsville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Donovan:-

Just a line to say that your letter is at hand. I have written the Hackensack people and think the box must be on the way , as I sent them the shipping address October 28th. Trust that it will reach you in time and that you will have a very happy Christmas.

Cordially yours,

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November 29th, 2

Miss Florence Hegeman, 36 Monroe Place,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Miss Hegeman:-

Thank you very much for your letter stating you had shipped the box to Miss Jackson. I trust it will reach her in ample time and am sure the articles you have sent will give much pleasure. Kindly thank your society for this.

Yours very sincerely

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December 11th, 1912.

Mrs. Carrie A. Pierson,
17 Clay Ave., E.,
Roselle Park, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Pierson:-

Your letter in regard to the bandages for San Juan Hospital at hand. You ask if there are other things needed. I had a little talk with the nurse, over a week ago, and the following will give you an idea of the other needs for the hospital:

Christmas bags, made of cretonne, for children and women for carrying material for hand sewing; I do not know why she calls them Christmas bags, but probably they have been in the habit of giving them out at that time.
Stockings for women, children and men, one dozen each,
One dozen neckties,
Handkerchiefs,
Nightdresses, made of medium weight muslin, that they can sell to the nurses at fifty cents each. They do not bring these articles when they come to the hospital, and if they can have them at hand will purchase them.
Work-bags for nurses,
Good books for young girls, 12 and 14 years of age, such as "Little Men", "Little Women", etc.
Kimonos for nurses made of light gingham,
Outing flannel, thin quality in five yard lengths for stripping into bandages as needed,
Tray covers,
Fans with pictures pasted on to amuse the patients - of course mostly children,
Stories and good jokes, taken from magazines or papers, pasted in book form, for American convalescents,
Picture puzzles,
Canton flannel diaper,
Napkins, medium size,
Bright ribbons,
Bath towels.

I think perhaps it will be well for me to enclose a report blank and ask that you make out [illegible] sometime in

the future on middle section of the articles which you will prepare for the hospital.

Thanking you for interest, and hoping if I can render farther aid you will not hesitate to write me,

Yours very sincerely,

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December 11th, 1912.

Mrs. P. Ellsperman,
88 E. South St.,
Wooster, O.

My dear Mrs. Ellsperman:-

Thank you very much for your letter assuring me that the carpet had been sent to Miss Griffith. She will appreciate this, as does the Woman's Board, and I am sure she will write a very appreciative letter.

I am very sorry indeed that you have had so much sickness and death, and trust that these who have survived will soon be in good health. It seems to me that this has been a noted year for operations, sickness, as well as death, among friends of mine.

Thank you very much for writing me,

Yours very sincerely,

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December 11th, 1912.

Miss M. Spalding,
216 Lisgar Ave., City.

My dear Miss Spalding:-

Shortly after writing you I received a letter from the Normal and Collegiate Institute as to the needs for the "Puritan Room", so I will give these to you so that you can look it over and then if you find it is impossible to undertake you can let me know.

4 Sheets, 72 x 90 inches,
4 Pillow cases, 18 x 32 inches, as the pillows are small,
2 Pairs of blankets for double bed,
1 Spread for double bed,
Dresser cover, 16-1/2 x 45 inches,
Washstand cover, 18 x 36 "
Splasher, 19 x 29 inches,
Table runner, 25 x 44,
Small stand cover, 20 x 20,
1 rug, 30 x 54,
4 rugs 30 x 52 inches,
2 Pair of curtains, 2 yards 7 inches long,

If the rugs could be blue, or blue and white, washable, they would carry out the color scheme of the room and be serviceable. Anything for the dresser, such as pin tray, brush and comb, mirror, pin cushion, blue, would be most useful. The table is used for writing materials, therefore anything in this line, such as a pin tray, calendar, etc., to fix that up would be very acceptable. The covers to carry out the color scheme of blue, and perhaps the curtains, too. The teacher writes: "Perhaps someone would be willing to add a kimono for the ghost who 'happens in'."

This is the list of things wanted, but anything

that would help make a guest room attractive will be appreciated. The room is about square and faces the front.

Will you kindly thank Miss Runyon for writing me that the Young Ladies Missionary Society will sew for Ellis Island? I presume this is the same society that you and I were talking about when you were in the office.

Yours very sincerely,

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December 11th, 1912.

Mrs. Mary G. Hathaway,
Lebanon, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Hathaway:-

Your postal at hand. I am very glad that the directions for Dorland Institute reached you in time and were satisfactory. Miss Phillips, I am sure, can use anything you have sent, and the box will be very helpful. I want to thank you for sending money for the carting from station to school. I am sure Miss Phillips will be very glad indeed to write of her appreciation for all this help.

Thanking you very much,

Yours very sincerely,

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December 16th, 1912.

Miss Mary Rose McCord,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

My dear Miss McCord:-

Your letter of December 13th, enclosing the advertisement of the Remington and Smith-Premier typewriters, at hand. I have conferred with Mr. Allaben, the School Superintendent, and he tells me they are placing typewriters in many of our schools, but the request should be a part of the budget. It is too late for this year, but perhaps when making out your budget next spring you can include it and it will be granted at that time. I do not know whether you have heard anything about the plans, but I understand that in the future everything needed by our schools must be included in the list sent with the budget. Nothing will be granted after the budget has passed for that year. You probably have heard of this; if you have not you will later.

With best wishes for the holiday season,

Cordially yours,

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December 16th, 1912.

Miss A. M. Knott,
1034 S. Brook St.,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Miss Knott:-

Your letter telling of the shipment of the box to Miss Mary Johns at hand. From all you mention in your letter I am sure Miss Johns will be delighted and able to make use of everything you have put in the box. It is very encouraging to me to learn of the interest of the young women, and I certainly hope we will hear from you some time in the near future that they wish to do further work of this kind. I will enclose a report blank as these lists help me a great deal, and thank you for suggesting it.

We never take it for granted that a scholarship is taken until we have the pledge.

You are right, Haines, Alaska, is the object for the Westminster Guilds. When an object of this kind is settled upon for Young People's Societies, whether it be a Guild or a Young Woman's Society, of course it is better for us to adhere to this plan. If you wish to know anything more about this, and will write to Miss M. J. Petrie, she will be very glad indeed to write you further about it. Perhaps it will be better for me to give her your letter and then she will write you sometime this week, if possible.

Thanking you for interest and this great help,

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January 10th, 1913.

Mrs. C. T. Wills,
Belle Haven,
Greenwich, Conn.

My dear Mrs. Wills:-

According to my promise of yesterday I am very glad indeed to write you about work for our schools, and trust that one of the suggestions I am about to make will be satisfactory.

In Hot Springs, N. C., we have a boarding school among the Mountain People for both boys and girls. The boys are in the building called "The Willows" - a farm school for them, and it is an adjunct of the Derland Institute which is occupied by the girls. This school was organized in 1887, and has grown until now we have eighty pupils enrolled. The clothing desired for them you will find on enclosed schedule. It does not make a very great variety, but still it gives the garments that are needed.

With this I would suggest the work for our hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico. They do not need a large amount of any one article but there is great variety. For instance -

25 Sheets, 5 x 2 yards, finished,
25 Pillow slips, 36 x 30" , finished,
12 [illegible] for nurses, light weight,
[illegible] of muslin to sell to nurses at fifty cents,
[illegible] for servants gathered into a band, no bibs,
[illegible] of handkerchiefs,
[illegible],
[illegible], 58" long,
[illegible] of bed ticking, at least one yard square,
12 [illegible],
[illegible] of cotton flannel, 20 x 8" in size, pinked not [illegible].

Canton flannel diaper,
Bird's-eye diaper,
Napkins, medium size,
Tray covers, 24 x 18", finished,
T-bandages for men and women, of cheap cheesecloth,
Outing flannel of thin quality in five-yard lengths for
stripping into bandages as needed,
Nurses work bags,
Bags of cretonne for children and women to carry materials
for hand sewing, combs, etc.,
Pins, thread (black and white), needles, tape, small
scissors, emery, thimbles, darning eggs,
Scrub cloths made of small cotton blankets,
" brushes,
Ivory soap, five-cent nail brushes,
Bath towels.

The third school is the Normal and Collegiate Institute at Asheville, N. C.; this being among the Mountain People, and is a boarding school for those who wish to further study and thus fit themselves for whatever vocation they take up in the future. The enclosed schedule will show you what is needed for this school - simply bedding, table linen, bureau covers, etc.

I sincerely trust you will find one of these satisfactory, and if you wish any further information regarding any of them do not hesitate to write me and it will be a pleasure for me to give further information if possible.

Yours very sincerely,

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January 15th, 1913.

Mrs. C. K. Paxson,
Parkesburg, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Paxson:-

Your letter of January 11th at hand. Indeed the work accomplished by your society for the girls at the Indian Training School was very satisfactory and much appreciated, and I am very sorry that we cannot ask the pupils to write to societies thus helping them. The children are working pretty hard and every day their work is laid out for them and it has been thought best not to put an increased burden - if I may call it so - upon them in the way of letter writing. It certainly would give a more personal touch, but we must think of the work as a whole when considering a matter of this kind, and I am sure you will agree with me in this thought. Our schools are like beehives for teachers and pupils - sometimes they are working when really they should be in their beds resting for the next day. As I said before the girls work is laid out for them, a detachment going to their work in the morning, while others are in the schoolroom, and vici versa in the afternoons; and of course in a large school like that there is a great deal to be done.

I do not know whether your society would care to take up work for Tucson again, but it will be interesting to you to learn that the work was so well done by

societies last year that the girls have received enough in their outfits to last them this year, with the exception of the long sleeved ribbed underwear for winter, and of extra dresses. Mr. Record has written asking that I secure for each girl three of the seersucker dresses, one of the dark blue percale with one lawn waist and the undervests; these, outside of bedding and table linen, are all that they will need for the coming year. I will not enter further into detail of this until I know whether your society would care to take up this part of the work again or not.

In Asheville, N. C., the Home Industrial and Pease House, the following will give suggestions as to their needs:

Nightdresses for the larger girls,
Blankets,
Spreads - single, three-quarter and double,
Sheets - " " " " "
Bird's-eye,
Table cloths and napkins,
Skirts, made of a colored gingham - blue and white. It has been suggested that a good hem be put in the skirts, the band for waist cut but not put on the skirts as this can be done in the schoolroom and made to fit the waist of the girl.
Stockings - sizes 8, 9 and 10.

In the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C., a boarding school for those desiring the higher education than the Home Industrial will give them, they need articles according to the enclosed list.

We have work for boys in Albuquerque, N. M., but the boys' work I presume would frighten some of your members, for as a rule societies do not like to make boys' clothing.

In Hot Springs, N. C., we have a boarding school among the Mountain People, and I do not know but you have

worked for this school before. Miss Phillips, the principal, has asked for -

Gingham dresses for little children from two to ten years of age. She does not give the style of making, but I presume it will be the usual skirt - a little full, the waist having a little fullness in the front and back with long sleeves.

With these she would be glad of -

Handkerchiefs,
Stockings, sizes 9 and 9-1/2,
Double sheets,
" spreads,
Bath towels and dish towels.

In Mount Vernon, Ky., we have a boarding school among the Mountain People, where the principal has asked for -

White aprons with bib,
Gingham aprons with long sleeves, these for young girls,
Nightdresses are very much needed,
Underwear,
Drawers,
Skirts and underwaists.

The girls range from 12 to 18 ; over forty of this age are in the school.

If none of my suggestions are satisfactory I will be very glad indeed to hear from you again. The needs for our hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, have been largely supplied, excepting in certain lines where they wish for a few of each of the articles. If you would consider this work at all I would be very glad to send you a list. It gives a variety of work, and it might be just suited to your society. I will wait to hear from you before sending the list.

Thanking you for continued interest, and assuring you that I am ready to render any assistance possible,

Dict. EBB/C Yours very sincerely,

M. Emily D Baker

January 22nd, 191

Miss Mildred Fitzell,
3913 Walnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Fitzell:-

Your letter of January 14th has been referred to me by Miss Fish after she wrote you regarding the work. We are always glad to learn of societies ready to undertake work for Home Missions, and of course, as Miss Fish wrote, the money is of the first importance as without this we could not retain our schools, so that I would like to emphasize this fact before telling of the different kinds of work that we have to undertake.

We have many calls for rag carpet and rugs from the teachers in our various mission stations. These are very important as they help to make the teachers comfortable. Carpet is desired in lengths from twenty-five yards up; the rugs two yards long by one yard wide.

We have a few day school teachers requesting a little bedding, table linen, towels, etc., as they are keeping house and need these articles. Then we have a number of boarding schools needing the bedding, and other articles so necessary for well-ordered households.

As a rule we ask our societies to make up boxes of clothing for a school, rather than for the individual, but last year the wife of the superintendent then at our boarding school among the Pima and Papago Indians at Tucson, Arizona, signified her willingness to send me the measurements

of each girl, giving the name, tribe and age, in order that I might interest societies in preparing one or more outfits for the pupils; these consist of dresses, underwear, etc. The need was so well supplied that this year the present superintendent writes that all they will need for each girl will be three seersucker dresses (sample enclosed), one dark blue percale dress made jumper style, one India lawn waist to wear with jumper dress, the heavy ribbed cotton undershirts high neck and long sleeves; with a few table cloths - bleached and unbleached, sheets and blankets, as well as clothing for the boys. If work for Tucson meets with approval you could make an outfits for one or more girls as you think best.

The Christmas work is very interesting to our societies, and in this way we secure this brightness and cheer for the pupils in all our schools and stations. I expect to have my list ready for Christmas 1913 by the last of March or first of April so that I can communicate with societies wishing to undertake this kind of work and give them full information as to number of pupils, according to age, and the kind of gifts best suited to any one field. Some of our schools are large, but if you decide upon this work, and the number of pupils you would like to prepare for is not as large as the school, you could take a part of the school. It is nice to have this work in hand so that something can be done during the summer.

We have a hospital in San Juan, Porto Rico, needing a variety of things, just a few of each article, and it may be that your young women would like to work for this. This would consist of -

Towels,
Bandages,
Gingham aprons,
Handkerchiefs,
Surgical gowns,
Canton flannel,
Bird's eye diaper,
Napkins,
Tray covers,
Outing flannel,
Scrub cloths, scrub brushes, etc.

If you decide upon this work I will be glad to send you a complete list.

May I hear from you soon as to what kind of work you will undertake and I will be very glad to give you the needs in a more definite form?

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B. Baker

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January 22nd, 1913.

Rev. M. M. Rodgers,
North Girard, Pa.

My dear Mr. Rodgers:-

Your letter of January 17th at hand. I am wondering if in writing Miss MacBride you directed the letter to Sneedville, Tennessee, R.D. 4. This is one of our stations where the name of station, post office and freight office is different. If you wrote to her to the right address I do not understand why you did not hear from her. If you did write to Sneedville kindly let me know and I will see what I can do in getting word from her.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs) Emily B Baker

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